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Port Almanac—April 8

Sun Rises	5.38 A M
Sun Sets	6.27 P M
Day's Length	12 h 47 m
High Water at Southport	11.36 P M
High Water at Wilmington	1.19 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., April 8.

Meteorological data for yesterday.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 56°; 8 p. m., 60°, maximum, 63°, minimum, 53°; mean, 60°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .50.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 6.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 27.0 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina: Fair Thursday; local showers Thursday night; easterly winds.

OUTLINES.

The President's message for the relief of the flood sufferers sent to the Senate and House. —— Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce meet for the purpose of mapping out a policy in regard to railroad legislation. ——Ex-Governor P. W. McKinney continues to grow weaker; very little hope of his recovery. —— Congress yesterday—Senate and House in session; Cuba and the flood sufferers divided the attention in the Senate: President's message urging Congressional relief; Cuban question discussed by Mr. Morgan; House resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to expend $300,000 for the relief of the flood sufferers. —— J. H. Mays, a well known business man of Port Tampa City, shot and killed Will and "Maud" Hammond, his brothers-in-law. —— Charles Reid, machine operator on the Macon, Ga., *Telegraph*, shot and killed L. W. Halstead, formerly business manager of the Atlanta *Commercial*, —— Gave themselves up—Gen. Julio Sanguilly and Col. Lachoga charged with aiding a Cuban expedition. ——The supreme test of the levees south of Vicksburg and Arkansas is fast approaching; the river at Vicksburg has been falling for some days. ——The rise of the river in Leavensworth, Kas., is making itself felt. ——New York markets: Money on call easy at 1¼@1¾, last loan offered at 1¾ and closed at 1¼@1¾ per cent.; cotton steady—middling uplands, 7⅝c; middling gulf 7⅝c; flour was demoralized and nominally lower in sympathy with the decline in wheat; wheat—spot was weak; No. 2 red free on board 77c; corn—spot weak; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady at 29@29¼c.

Rev. Dr. Swallow, of Harrisburg Pa., is in a fair way of becoming famous. He has succeeded in libelling a Pennsylvania politician.

Russell Harrison will not approve of the action of the New York School Board in drawing the line on pie and prohibiting the children from eating it for lunch.

Opalousas, La., is reaching out for fame. She is going to start a corn cob pipe factory with a capacity of 10,000 pipes a day. The corn cob pipe is a daisy.

A report comes from Madrid that Gen. Gomez is suing for peace. He is pursuing the right way to get it, by whacking the Spaniards every chance he gets at them.

George Merkt, a New York boy, mastered the feat of smoking sixteen packages of cigarettes a day, but he wound up in Bellevue Hospital, where he died a maniac.

There is hope for the farmer yet. It has been discovered that so many useful and valuable things can be made out of cornstalks it is said they will soon be worth $25 an acre.

Mr. Henry Labouchere in his London paper pronounces the Transvaal investigation a farce. Henry is slow in his discoveries. On this side we came to that conclusion some time ago.

A Washington dispatch says the support of Senator Kyle, Populist, has been secured for the tariff bill. Pshaw! That was secured when he got those Republican votes for re-election.

Noah Raby, that 125 year old youth in New Jersey, to whom we made reference recently, claims to be a native of Gates county, this State. His father was an Indian, his mother a white woman.

The Canadian papers are getting mad at the Dingley tariff and are threatening to do their shopping in England. It will be rough on the Vermont people if they cut short the supply of Canadian maple sap.

Mr. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, says he will endeavor to correct the mistake of his predecessor. We infer from this that he will confine himself to the affairs of his office, and let "pot metal" literature alone.

California has heretofore worn the ribbons for big trees, but Tennessee puts in a claim for recognition, according to the papers, with a poplar thirty-three feet in diameter, a section of which will be exhibited at the Nashville exhibition.

What a rush at J. H. Rehder & Co's. People are taking advantage of the Great Bargains. Only three more days. †

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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Two "	1.00
One "	50

TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

The production of aluminum is increasing rapidly in this country. A few years ago very little was produced and the price was so high that it was practically useless. Ten years ago it was worth $8 a pound. Now it sells for 90 cents, and is constantly getting cheaper. Last year the output was 1,300,000 pounds against 900,000 pounds the year before. In 1891 the output was 168,000 pounds.

Some lightning respects neither persons nor traditions. A bolt the other day struck a house near Utica, N. Y., run down the chimney, and to show its utter perverseness, glided into a room, hit a feather bed and tore it to pieces, which disposes of the tradition that lightning will not tackle a feather bed.

The Oregon wool growers are not disposed to have the wool pulled over their eyes by the Dingley tariff fellows. They are opposed to the excessive duties imposed on wools, and declare that moderate rates are what they want and not excessive rates that will be prohibitory and check consumption.

There is a good deal of meanness in human nature. On the lower Mississippi at some points guards with shotguns have to watch the levees to prevent fellows on the other side from cutting them to relieve their own levees from the pressure. Two or three cutters have already been shot.

The $9,000,000 surplus in the U. S. Treasury for March need not be a cause for any special exhilaration. While the importers are shipping heavy stocks to dodge the duties under the new tariff, a heavy inflow of cash may be looked for. But a flush Treasury now means a short Treasury later.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE—Criminal Court.
E. WARREN & SON—Our opening.
J. D. BELLAMY, JR.—Furniture at cost.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

A. NEWBURY—Notice.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Alex. J. Field, of Oxford, was here yesterday.

— Mr. A. N. Adams, of Raleigh, was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. W. H. Shearin, of Castle Hayne, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. D. J. Moore, of Swansboro, was observed on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. J. K. Morisey, of Winston, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. M. M. Moore, of Burgaw, was a caller at the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. G. McP. Batte, of Charlotte, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. W. H. French, of Rocky Point, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. J. C. Springer returned to the city yesterday after a visit to Washington, D. C.

— Mr. M. B. Cavenaugh, of Chinquepin, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Wm. P. Ireland, commission merchant of Philadelphia, Pa., paid the STAR office a visit yesterday.

— Mr. T. J. Anderson, of Norfolk, General Passenger Agent of the Seaboard Air Line, was in the city yesterday.

— Solicitor H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, came up yesterday from Southport, where he has been attending Superior Court.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday were Messrs. A. A. Clark, Rosindale; G. W. McMillan, Ivanhoe; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sawyer, Bayboro.

— Rev. Mr. Bradshaw and bride are in the city. Mr. Bradshaw is a well know and successful pastor of Maxton, and his bride was Miss Mamie Whitehurst, a popular young lady of Tarboro. The STAR extends its congratulations.

Who'll be the Next?

Messrs. W. R. Kenan and E. S. Tennent, who were appointed a committee from the First Presbyterian Church to secure homes for delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention made their report yesterday to Col. Walker Taylor, chairman. They reported homes for 110 delegates.

Col. Taylor requests that the other committees make their reports at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

If you are going to buy an Easter suit there is an opportunity to get it at a special price this week at Rehder's. †

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular monthly session this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

— In the Police Court yesterday Jas. Foard, colored, was fined $10 and costs for beating his wife.

— Mr. John D. Bellamy, assignee, announces that the entire stock of Sneed & Co. will be sold at factory cost.

— A runaway horse on Princess street yesterday afternoon was the cause of some excitement, but no damage resulted.

— The crate of berries shipped by Mr. G. W. Westbrook on Monday last was sold yesterday in Philadelphia at 45 cents per quart.

— The body of Thomas Perry, the colored boy drowned off the *Frank Sessoms* two weeks ago, was found yesterday near Meare's Bluff.

— The STAR learns that the airship which was seen on Monday night by a number of our citizens turns out to be a balloon sent up from Wrightsville Sound.

— Rev. Allen J. Kirk, colored, of Boston, Mass., has been called to the pastorate of the Central Baptist church, colored, of this city. He is expected to arrive next week.

— Rev. Mr. Boothe, of Lumberton, who was called to the Southside Baptist Church, of this city, has as yet not signified his willingness to accept. Rev. J. B. Harrell is still serving the church.

— Every lady who visits the store of Messrs. E. Warren & Son to-day will have a chance to win a five-pound box of Lowney's candy. The candy will be given to the one who comes nearest guessing the number of argentees in a glass jar.

— Mr. Frank K. Myers, formerly of this city but now of Charleston, S. C., and Miss Roberta Atkinson Smith, of Raleigh, will be united in marriage Tuesday morning, April 20, at Christ Church, Raleigh. Cards are out announcing the happy event.

— Yesterday afternoon about 5.30 o'clock a horse attached to a dray backed off the wharf at the foot of Castle street into the river. The weight of the dray carried the horse to the bottom of the river. The horse and dray was the property of a colored man named Taylor.

— Rev. J. A. Hornaday, who is assisting Rev. W. L. Cunninggim in the revival meetings at Fifth Street church, is an earnest and forcible speaker and is attracting large congregations and a good deal of interest is being manifested. The meetings are held twice daily, at 4 o'clock and 7.45 p. m.

Engagement of Joseph Jefferson.

Mr. Jefferson comes to the Opera House on Saturday night, April 10th, and will present "Rip Van Winkle."

Joseph Jefferson doesn't believe in ultra stage realism. A lady asked him recently why he didn't introduce a dog in "Rip Van Winkle," as he continually speaks of "my dog Schneider."

Mr. Jefferson replied that he disliked realism in art, and realism alive with a tail to wag at the wrong time would be abominable.

"But don't you think the public would like to see Schneider?" she asked.

"The public could not pay him a higher compliment, for it shows how great an interest they take in an animal that has never been exhibited. No, no, 'hold the mirror up to nature' if you like, but don't hold nature up—a reflection of the thing, but not the thing itself. How badly would a drunken man give an exhibition of intoxication on the stage! Who shall act a madman but one who is perfectly sane? We must not be natural, but appear to be so."

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—4 bales cotton, 54 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—6 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 97 bbls rosin, 86 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—6 174 bbls rosin.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—80 bbls rosin, 14 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—66 bales cotton. Raft—158 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 76 bales; spirits turpentine, 11 casks; rosin, 439 bbls; tar, 104 bbls; crude turpentine, 8 bbls.

Special Term.

A special term of the Circuit Criminal Court for New Hanover county, Judge Thos. H. Sutton presiding, will be held in this city commencing Monday, April 26. This term of the court will be an important one, for, besides several larceny and assault with deadly weapon cases, there will be one arson and two murder cases for trial. Col. F. W. Foster, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, has a notice in regard to the Criminal Court in to-day's issue.

Rev. Dr. Leftwich.

Rev. Dr. Leftwich, who is to assist Rev. R. A. Willis in conducting a series of meetings at Grace church, commencing on the third Sunday in the present month, was in our city on Tuesday night and attended the special choir practice at Grace church, and on yesterday morning he left for Southport, where he is to hold a series of meetings before coming to our city. His meetings are not only very successful, but he is highly endorsed wherever he goes or labors.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

FROM THE CAPITAL.

PRACTICALLY NO DOUBT ABOUT IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS.

Prof. Ebon Alexander Will Probably Be Succeeded by Adjutant General Cowles—Oscar Spears Will Be District Attorney—Special Train to Bring Raleigh Baptists to the Southern Baptist Convention—No Encampments of the State Guard This Year.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 7.

Adjutant General Cowles has returned from a several weeks' visit to Washington, and he is said to have every assurance that he will be appointed Minister to Greece, to succeed Eben Alexander. The salary of the Grecian mission is $7,500.

It is generally conceded that Oscar Spears will be District Attorney of this district. Capt. Chas. A. Cook, who is in the city, has not given up hope yet.

Walter R. Henry has been in Raleigh ever since the General Assembly adjourned.

The Dental Association meets in Charlotte in May.

Editor Bailey says that a special train will be run from Raleigh to Wilmington on the occasion of the Southern Baptist Convention to accommodate the Baptists in this city who desire to attend the session.

The Republicans will put out an independent ticket in the municipal election. It seems to be assured that it will be headed by Mr. Frank Stronach for Mayor. Mr. Stronach is at present an Alderman from the First ward, elected as a Democrat. W. W. Wynne will likely be the candidate for city clerk.

Leighton Huske, of Cumberland, is appointed a notary public by the Governor.

It is settled that there will be no encampments of the State guard this year. Maj. Hayes says the question cannot even be considered. It is the hope of the Adjutant General that all the companies will attend the Centennial Exposition of Tennessee. The North Carolina troops will make the trip June 21st, the date of the Confederate reunion.

So far the Asheville, Raleigh and Franklinton have decided to attend. The Asheville company has offered its services as a special escort to Governor Russell when he goes to open the exposition.

Maj. Hayes says there will be at least ten North Carolina companies present.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the North Carolina Home Building Association.—Board of Directors Elected.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Home Building Association was held last night at the City Hall.

Mr. J. W. Freeman was called to the chair, and after the committee, Messrs. Henry Savage, J. Weil and F. H. Steadman, to verify proxies had reported that a majority of the stock was represented, announced the meeting open for the transaction of business.

Mr. F. H. Stedman, secretary and treasurer, read his report which was approved. The report showed the association to be in a flourishing condition.

On motion the unanimous vote of the association was cast by Mr. Henry Savage for the following directors: Messrs. C. W. Yates, J. S. Worth, Henry Savage, Geo. Sloan, F. H. Stedman, J. Weil, A. D. Brown, R. R. Bellamy, I. J. Bear, W. H. Bernard, W. E. Worth, E. S. Pigford, W. J. Reaves and J. W. Freeman.

The meeting then adjourned.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington postoffice April 8, 1897:

LADIES' LIST.

A—Miss Julia Angevine. B—Miss C Barker, Mrs Mary Blue, Miss Frances Bryan. H—Lessie Howard, Mrs Mary Hyzer, Miss Emma Huske. J—Miss Cora Jones. M—Miss Cora McLaughlin. R—Miss Catherine Robinson. W—Miss A J Wright, Mrs Lydia Woodside, Mrs M E Webb.

MEN'S LIST.

A—Alex Anderson, W M Allen. B—A H Boggs, John Bonsher, W M Bagley. C—H M Chadwell, J W Crimson. F—Pompey Fort. G—I M Gore. H—C Howie, J E Harper. Ben O Jarrett, Geo Jones, R W Jordan, Robt L James. K—Cof King. L—Pompey Lyon. M—F A Mowbray. N—Capt A Nelson. O—John Oathart. S—Oanna Samons, Anson Strigs.

FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Mc Gillespie, E R Parker, Henry Owens, Simon Tobiason, Jno C Whelter.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

Millinery Openings.

Feminine excitement was at its highest pitch last night. Two millinery openings were under way and the ladies attended them in great numbers.

Johnson & Fore had their store and display windows decorated in an exceedingly handsome and attractive manner. The floral decorations were arranged under the skillful direction of Mr. Will Rehder.

The opening at Mrs. Grace V. Wood's new millinery store, 103 Market street, has been going on since Tuesday and there has been a steady stream of visitors to see the very excellent and tasteful line of goods carried by the new firm.

Before U. S. Commissioner Bunting.

L. T. Smith was arraigned before United States Commissioner R. H. Bunting yesterday, charged with holding for debt the clothes of a seaman, Geo. Hudson, contrary to act of Congress, 1895. After hearing the testimony of several witnesses, which showed that the plaintiff, Hudson, had pledged the clothes to Smith, Commissioner Bunting adjudged the defendant not guilty, and consequently he was discharged. A. J. Marshall, Esq., appeared for Smith.

District Conference.

The Wilmington district conference of the Methodist E. church, South, will be held at Clinton, N. C., and will embrace the second Sunday in July.

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MAXTON ITEM.

MAXTON, N. C., April 7.

Rev. M. Bradshaw, pastor of the Methodist church here, and who is regarded as one of the best preachers in the State, left for Tarboro yesterday where he will to-day be married to Miss Mamie Whitehurst, an accomplished and popular young lady of that town. The congratulations of all of our people, without regard to denomination, will be extended the happy couple upon their return Thursday evening.

Mrs. Brace and one child, and Mrs. Neal with three children, of Pittsburg, Pa., were in Maxton yesterday. Mrs. Brace and Mrs. Neal are daughters of the late James Sinclair prominent in this section during the reconstruction period. They went out to Stewardsville to-day to visit their mother's grave.

Quite a number of people were examined to-day before Mayor McKinnon and G. B. Sellers, J. P., as to their knowledge of the illicit sale of spirituous liquors in the place. It is said that there was "some tall lying." The examination will continue and perjurers will be prosecuted. The leading citizens have determined that the traffic shall cease. Weakly visitors will have to bring their stimulants with them.

Improvements are seen in all parts of Maxton. Residences are in progress of erection, or soon will be started on Main street by Capt. G. B. Sellers, Mr. H. C. Alford, of Floral College, and Mr. W. W. Smith. Mr. A. C. McKinnon is building a large dwelling on North Patterson street. The Methodist church is being repaired, and the Baptists are building a church. The machine shops have taken on new life and the cotton mill is flourishing. Universal evidence of thrift among our colored population abound.

SECOND CONVENTION

Of the Industrial League of the Seaboard Air Line.

CHARLOTTE, April 7.—The second convention of the Industrial League of the Seaboard Air Line met here this morning in the City Hall. Col. J. C. Dever, of Virginia, acting as chairman. Nearly every district was represented. John T. Patrick, Chief Industrial Agent, made an inspiring address encouraging increased effort and praising the workers for the work already done, which although the organization has been but sixty days established, shows that besides other important work, much has been accomplished in the way of improving the surroundings of the stations and streets of the towns along the line of the road. On Arbor Day thirty thousand shade and ornamental trees were planted on the streets of the different towns on the Seaboard Air Line, and many other things have been done to establish the territory adjacent to the line in such a way as to attract attention and interest of travellers on the trains. This evening Albert Phenis, delivered before a large audience an address of great interest to those interested in developing the resources of the South.

One of the Best in the State.

[*Newton Enterprise.*]

The Wilmington STAR has rounded the cycle of its sixtieth volume. Through the varying scenes and changing fortunes of all these years the STAR has shone conspicuously in the constellation of North Carolina journalism as a star of the first magnitude, ever rising high and bright above reproach and above all little and low things. It is a pleasure to note that the STAR is on a firmer foundation and has more subscribers than ever before. It richly deserves the large measure of success it enjoys, and we wish for it as many more years of prosperity and usefulness, ever shining with that steady gleam of pure, undefiled Democracy that has endeared it to the hearts of so many thousands of North Carolina's liberty-loving children.

Magistrate's Court.

Two cases were disposed of by Justice Bunting yesterday.

Geo. Lewis, colored, charged with willful trespass, was adjudged guilty and fined $20 and costs.

Roland King, also colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was likewise found guilty, but judgment in his case was suspended upon payment of costs.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Purniture At Cost!

THE ENTIRE STOCK OF SNEED & CO. will be sold at FACTORY COST, sale commencing Wednesday, April 7th.

JNO. D. BELLAMY, Jr., Assignee.

N. B.—Parties indebted to the firm of Sneed & Co. must make immediate settlement at store No. 108 Market street. JNO. D. BELLAMY, Jr., Assignee. apr 8 1t D & W Daily and Weekly "Messenger" and "Dispatch" copy one time.

Criminal Court.

Defendants and witnesses in the Criminal Court will take notice that a special term of said court for this county will be held in the Court House, in the City of Wilmington, on Monday, the 26th day of April A. D., 1897.

By order of Judge
THOS. H. SUTTON.
F. W FOSTER, Chairman
Board County Commissioners.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Jas. H. Carroway and Henry McLean,

THE EXPERT BARBERS, CAN BE FOUND at No. 11 South Front street, where they will be pleased to serve their friends. First class work guaranteed. Shaving 10 cents. Give us a call.

Respectfully,
A. PRIMPERT.
dec 30 tf No. 11 South Front street

Administrator's Sale

OF STOCKS AND BONDS AT AUCTION. On this day, Thursday, at noon, I will sell at the office of Oronly & Morris, 120 Princess street, two $1,000 North Carolina 6 per cent. State Bonds, seven Shares Stock N. C. R. R. Co., par value $100 each.

A. A. WATSON,
ap 7 2t Administrator.

Opera Chairs.

ON ACCOUNT OF REPAIRS TO ST. Andrew's Church we have for disposal from 70 to 80 Opera Chairs. They are in good order and look as well as new. Apply to

THOS. F. BAGLEY,
ap 6 3t Treasurer.

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IS A NEW SPRING HAT, AND YOU are going to buy one soon. You will make a big mistake if you buy without examining my new stock, which embraces all the latest styles.

apr 4 tf HAMME, THE HATTER.

Notice.

On account of the withdrawal of Mr. J. H. Bunting from the Sunday arrangement between the down town Druggists, my Drug Store will be open every Sunday hereafter.

JAMES D. NUTT,
apr 4 tf The Druggist.

OPERA HOUSE.

ONE NIGHT,
Saturday, April 10th.
Joseph Jefferson
—IN—
RIP VAN WINKLE.
Sale of seats to open Thursday, April 8th, at 9 a. m.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT, Washington, D. C., March 23, 1897.—SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 3 o'clock P. M., on the 30th day of April, 1897, and opened immediately thereafter, for all the labor and materials required for the erection and completion, except heating apparatus, of the New Ward Building for the U. S. Marine Hospital at Wilmington, N. C., in accordance with the drawings and specification, copies of which may be had at this office or at the office of the Custodian at Wilmington, N. C. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for a sum not less than 2 per cent. of the amount of the proposal. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive any defect or informality in any bid should it be deemed in the interest of the Government to do so. All proposals received after the time stated will be returned to the bidders.
WM. MARTIN AIKEN, Supervising Architect.
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OUR OPENING

Will take place
Thursday and Friday.
Ladies especially invited.

Will show them something to interest them. Open till 10 P. M.

E. Warren & Son.
ap 7 tf

Assignee's Sale
—OF—
Boots, Shoes, &c.

BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1897 I will sell the stock of

Boots, Shoes, Tobacco and Cigars

contained in the store northeast corner of Market and Front streets, at greatly reduced prices. Parties wishing good foot wear can secure bargains.
Terms of sale cash.

A. J. HOWELL, Assignee
mar 14 tf of Henry Burkhimer.

Drugs! Drugs! Drugs!

WATCH THE PRICES.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
67 cents a bottle, $8.00 per dozen.
Paine's Celery Compound
73 cents a bottle. $8.75 per dozen.
Pain Killer 17c a Bottle, $2 Per Dozen.
Simmon's Liver Regulator 16c a package, $1 85 per dozen.
Winslow's Soothing Syrup 16c bottle.
Bull's Cough Syrup 16c a bottle.
Syrup Figs 34c a bottle.
Ayer's Sarsaparilla 65c, etc., etc.

If you want to save money buy your Drugs from

ROBERT R. BELLAMY,
Wholesale and Retail Druggist,
ap 2 tf Wilmington, N. C.

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10 and 20c Per Bushel.

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ap 5 tf

A. D. BROWN,
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Men's Medium Weight Grey Cotton Shirts at 33⅓ cents each.
Men's Bleached Jean Drawers at 25 cents per pair.
Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers 25 cents.
All Wool Art Squares 9x12 feet $9.00 each.
Japanese Dantsu Art Rugs 9x12 feet $10.00 each.
China Mattings 20 cents per yard by the Roll.
China Mattings 22½ cents per yard by the Roll.
China Mattings 27½ cents per yard by the Roll.
Ladies' Ribbed Vests, Taped and Bleached, 10 cents each.
Ladies' Black Corsets, regular 75 cents quality 50 cents per pair.
Windsor Ties, two for 25 cents.
Children's and Gents' Hose, in Ox Blood, 25 cents per pair.
Novelties in Ladies' Belts 50 cents each.
Iron Frame Grenadines 75 cents per yard.
China Silks, Waist Patterns, 37½ cents per yard.
Checked Novelties in Dress Goods 25 cents per yard.
Changeable Mohairs 35 cents per yard.
Black Brocade Silks 65 and 90 cents.
Ladies' String Ties, two for 25 cents.
Ladies' Persian Satin Bows 25 cents each ap 4 tf

Grand Opening

Of Fine Spring Millinery at Wilmington's Big Racket Store

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 8, 1897

ENRICHING OTHERS.

Naturally the richest and most favored section of this country, the South should also be the wealthiest and would be if it were not for the annual drain of money that goes to other sections, or to other countries. The East in point of natural resources and advantages bears no comparison to the South or to the West, but if the South and West as it is behind them in natural resources and advantages. Finding itself unable to hold its own as an agricultural section against other more fertile and favored sections of the country, it early turned its attention to manufacturing and other enterprises and thus drew capital and brought resourceful men towards it, and finally became not only the money center but also, as far as scheming and planning and manipulating goes, the brain-power center. With the growing cities and manufacturing towns the few comparatively small States in that section became populous enough to have a controlling influence in the national legislation, to shape the national policies, and secure such legislation as would be to its benefit and enable it to hold the ascendancy, hence the tariff legislation of the past thirty-five years, and the monetary legislation which combined with the tariff laws have made that section the master of the situation and supreme dictator. It has had to fight for this supremacy, it is true, as the other sections of the country have become more populous and more potential, but although the battle has been sometimes hard fought and close it has managed to hold its own and is still supreme.

The day that the East, recognizing the inevitable law of necessity, concluded to give up the unequal contest in the agricultural domain with the more fertile West, it build ed better than it knew or possibly hoped, and started out on the career that was to make it rich and powerful, and politically master of the sections with which it could not compete. Other sections have contributed to this, and by their own course have helped to make the East rich and powerful and themselves comparatively poor and weak. Depending on their fertile fields the South and the West relied mainly upon agriculture, and although for years the prices of agricultural products have been falling they have gone on in the same old way, raising the same crops, increasing their acreage hoping by a larger output to make up for the fall in prices. They labored harder, produced more marketed more, and yet have no more to show for it than they had when they labored less and produced less. The South and the West were as a big sponge, however full they got the East squeezed them and got it all. It has all the machinery and the appliances for drawing to itself the money of the South and West, and will continue to fatten upon the South and the West until they, realizing what they have been doing, resolve to utilize their own resources, avail themselves of some of the natural advantages they enjoy, husband their resources, and reap all the profit instead of contenting themselves with being the mere producers of the raw materials, and letting the East reap the profits thereon by converting them into finished form.

The South some years ago began to realize this and has made marked progress in some industrial lines, as much, perhaps, as could have been expected under the circumstances, perhaps more, but not as much as could nave been made with more co-operative effort. The progress made has been chiefly in the manufacture of cotton, in which we have incomparable advantages over the section which for so many years denominated that industry, but in the other fields we have made but little progress, and still continue to supply other sections with the crude materials at a low price and buy from them the manufactured articles at a price many times as great as that received for the crude materials. We are still dependent upon the East for nearly everything, from a locomotive to a match.

We are not unconscious of the obstacles against which this section has to contend, and we understand, too, that great industrial revolutions cannot be accomplished at will, but require time, effort, and persevering effort. We have been handicapped by a scarcity of money, and by our dependence upon other sections for the money we could command if we had a monetary system that would free us from this sectional dependence and enable us to utilize our own resources in supplying us with the currency we need, as we could do if this Eastern money monopoly were broken and we had a banking system of our own such as we had before these Eastern money influencers destroyed it to make way for the national bank system, through which they now control the currency volume of the country. We understand all this, and the impediments in the way of establishing new industries in the South, but in the meantime until there be some improvement in our currency system which will provide for a better distribution of money, the people of the South could do much by co-operative effort to establish new industries and contribute much to making this section independent of other sections, and that much to keeping our hard-earned money at home where it is so much needed.

A SNAPPY ANSWER.

Our telegraphic columns yesterday told what was done at the special court held at Greensboro by Judge Simonton to hear argument in the injunction case in the matter of the lease of the North Carolina Railroad.

Governor Russell declined, as Governor, to recognize the jurisdiction of the court in this matter, or to appear before it, but as an individual, "as a matter of courtesy to the court," sent his answer to the summons.

The answer is a snappy one and begins thus:

"1. I have read the answer of Z. V. Walser, who is Attorney General of North Carolina, and all the details and allegations of said answer, as well as the answer itself, I adopt.

"2. I reserve to myself all the right of exception to said bill of complaint and protest that under my oath of office as Governor of North Carolina I will not recognize as binding upon me nor will I yield obedience to any order of any court that hinders or retards or interferes with me in the exercise and performance of any of the duties committed by the people of North Carolina through their Constitution and Legislature to my judgment and discretion as their Governor; nor will I obey or regard any order of any court which undertakes to prevent the State of North Carolina from exercising its constitutional powers as a sovereign State, and I hereby expressly decline to appear in this court as Governor aforesaid, or to do any act which might seem to make the State of North Carolina a party to this suit."

These are followed up by nine other specifications, in which he reiterates the charges of fraud not only in the 99 years lease of 1895, but in the 30 years lease of 1871, and asserts that the Southern Road managers made false representations as to the earnings of the North Carolina Railroad for the purpose of deception and to secure a renewal of the lease on their own terms. He supports these charges by figures, showing the gross and net earnings of other roads which did less business and had heavier expenses to bear—strong figures if this lease is to be viewed from a business standpoint or from the standpoint of equity. He claims that the State of North Carolina never entered into the alleged contract with the Southern Railroad Company, and contends that both as a State and a stockholder she has a right to be heard in her own courts, and that there is no power to deprive her of that right as a State and a stockholder. This snappy reply thus concludes:

10. This complainant, the Southern Railway company, in its bill complains of a certain bill pending in the General Assembly, which passed one House, but was never enacted into law and the complainant makes an exhibit of this Legislative bill. It is apparent from reading this bill in Equity that it was drawn for the purpose originally of preventing the execution of this legislative bill which complainant thought would become a law. Whether the Southern Railroad company intended to ask for an injunction against the Legislature, I am not advised. But in as much as this measure did not become a law, I have no intention to bring an action on behalf of the State to annul this ninety-nine year lease. If, however, I should regard it my duty in the exercise of the discretion vested in me by the laws of North Carolina to bring such an action I deny the jurisdiction of this court or of any other court, to control my conduct as Governor in the execution of the laws of the State."

We take it that the outcome of this matter will be that the injunction will be continued, and that this lease will become an issue in the next election, when the succeeding Legislature will deal with it, and it will be determined whether it will stand, or make an issue between the State and the Federal Court. There is no telling what the result may be, but as we have heretofore remarked, the Southern road is a power in our State politics, when it turns itself loose, and in this case it has a good deal at stake to turn itself loose for.

MINOR MENTION.

New York papers are complaining about "railroad discrimination" against that port, because Western grain shipments which formerly went by way of New York are now being diverted Southward for shipment by Southern ports, the rapid increase of which and the corresponding decrease at Eastern ports have caused alarm in those quarters. But the fact is that the shorter travel from the West gives the Southern ports advantages in those days of commercial rivalry over the North Atlantic ports which shippers will not be slow to take advantage of and hence the growth of the Southern export business. The Philadelphia *Times* is one of the papers that sees this, that recognizes the inevitable, and discusses it thus:

"The railway line that can place grain at the seaboard with a haul of 1,000 miles can do it cheaper than another line that must carry it 1,500 miles and within its own territory will command the business in spite of all efforts to divert it to a more distant port.

"The improvement of gulf harbors and the multiplication of railway lines with a gulf terminus means that the grain within a certain radius from these ports will be exported therefrom. Formerly the bulk of this grain was exported from New York, but it will never be again. Appeals to the interstate commerce commission will be in vain, for the geography of the country has decided in favor of the nearest ports, and from this there can be no appeal that will prevail."

This is a plain statement of the case from a Northern standpoint, and, though brief, covers it.

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In the municipal elections in the country within the past week the Democrats have scored victories which are remarkable, coming so close after the Presidential election in which the Republicans carried many of the cities captured at this election by the Democrats. We do not know that there is any national significance to be attached to this apparent revolution of sentiment in these cities, although if they had been carried by the Republicans they would have made the welkin ring and claimed it as an endorsement and a ratification of the verdict of November; but we take it that the true interpretation is that these elections turned mainly on local issues and policies, that there was no outside influences, no money brought to bear and that there was a freer and fairer expression of popular sentiment uninfluenced by outside pressure or manipulation. Mark Hanna with his campaign fund was not in it. Perhaps the failure of the promised "advance agent of prosperity" to put in an appearance as promised may have had something to do with it, and therefore these elections may be considered as straws to indicate how the country may go in the next Congressional elections if the "advance agent of prosperity" does not hurry up and put in an appearance in good shape by that time.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee think they will have time to enjoy a dinner while the Senate is passing their bill. They are doubtless correct, and it is quite likely they will be able to make their dinner a continuous performance affair of no small proportions.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— It is quite probable that Congressman Bailey, of Texas, will soon take occasion to inform the public that he is in no way responsible for the New York *Sun's* indorsement of his position on the tariff. He does not care to have his political career nipped in the bud when the future is pregnant with possibilities.—*New Orleans States, Dem.*

—— Some of the Republicans are now disposed to admit that the schedules of the tariff have been arranged for the benefit of those who have contributed to the Republican campaign fund. Mr. Hanna, who knows all about these contributions, will probably rearrange some of the schedules in the Senate.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—— The arguments of those farseeing citizens who advocate the preservation of our forests find powerful reinforcement in the current widespread floods in the Valley of the Mississippi. Cut down the trees and the rain water seeks the sea and seeks it with a rush. Preserve the forests and they sponge up and hold back the surplus moisture in accordance with Nature's wise designs.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

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TWINKLINGS.

— She—"They have struggled hard to keep up appearances." He—"Yes; that is just what has kept them down."

— Darkside—"I see one of our warships is doomed." Fenilworth—"How's that?" "She's been ordered to sea."

— She Hadn't Thought of That—"I will never marry a man who uses tobacco in any form."

"Not even if it happens to be good form?"

She pondered. The slavishness of woman to convention is proverbial.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "But, papa, you mustn't be hard on Mr. Saply," said his pretty daughter. "He is of a retiring disposition, you know."

"Retiring thunder! He doesn't leave until 12 every night he comes to see you."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

— Neat—"Come, now, you've been a milkman. Is it true that they water their milk?'

Bovis—"Not that I know of. I never did; that's all I can say. I occasionally milked the water I delivered to my customers, but I never watered the milk."—*Boston Transcript.*

— Mrs. Watson (in a severe whisper)—"I don't understand you, John. Here our pastor is preaching a regular hell-fire and brimstone sermon, describing all the horrible tortures of Perdition, and you sit there with a sneer on your face as it was nothing to be fearful of." Mr. Watson (between clenched teeth)—"It is nothing to me. Am I not sitting here with a new camel-hair undershirt on?"

"DR. MILES,

Through His Nervine Is a Benefactor to Thousands."

A WIDELY known Wisconsin publisher, who resides at Green Bay, writes March 6th, 1895, as follows:

"Five years ago I became so nervous that mental work was a burden. I could not rest at night on account of sleeplessness. My attention was called to Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, and I commenced to use it with the very best effect. Since then I have kept a bottle in my house and use it whenever my nerves become unstrung, with always the same good results. My son also takes it for nervousness with like never failing success. I have recommended it to many and it cures them. All who suffer from nerve troubles should try it. It is free from narcotics, perfectly harmless, and yet soothes and strengthens. Dr. Miles, through his Nervine is a benefactor to thousands." A. C. LEHMAN.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Winston *Sentinel:* The Winston Cigarette Machine company will ship three machines to-morrow to a party in Japan. It will require several weeks for them to reach their destination. The company has shipped a number of machines to Mexico.

— Carthage *Blade:* The fruit is not all killed here by any means, but we see from the Sanford *Express* and and Aberdeen *Telegram* that it is killed in the Southern Pines section. Carthage is the most elevated place in the long-leaf pine section of the county, and very often has fruit when it is killed at every other point.

— Newbern *Journal:* Word was received here yesterday of a serious if not fatal accident, which occurred Monday at the mill at Broad creek. James Dawson was in the mill when a band broke, which struck him on the arm and head, breaking his arm and it was thought fracturing his skull, besides nearly knocking out both eyes. It was not possible to learn positively how serious the accident may prove.

—Raleigh *Press-Visitor:* Secretary Barnes, of the State Farmer's Alliance, issues an address to that order in which he says the most critical time in its history has arrived and the trouble comes from within. It is plain that the membership is greatly reduced. He says its work has not been non-partisan and that owing to politics proper attention was not given to industrial enterprises and the shoe factory has done nothing yet.

— Asheville *Citizen:* On Friday night last a large number of tough characters assembled at the house of a lewd woman named Georgianna Sherrill, three miles above Bryson City. Whiskey flowed freely and a general row ensued, during which George Cline was shot above the heart and instantly killed. John Wiggins was horribly cut, the gash being 20 inches long, reaching from his head to the lower rib on the right side. John Wiggins was hit on the head with a pistol. Nathaniel Cline was cut on the arm. The evidence points to William Wiggins as the one who killed Cline. Holland Wiggins admits cutting his father.

— Concord *Standard:* Eli Marshall, a desperate negro wanted for theft, was apprehended by Constable Ed Nevis, near Pineville, last Saturday. When ordered to halt he quickly fired on the officer and sent a bullet into the breast of Officer Nevis that passed just above the heart and lodged in the lung. The officer fell from his horse and Marshall ran. The wound was at first thought to be fatal but Mr. Nevis seems to be improving. Parties with blood hounds are chasing Marshall and he will almost certainly be caught. One hundred dollars reward is offered by the people of Pineville for Marshall's arrest.

— Statesville *Landmark:* Mr. Levi Bost, of Shiloh township, died at his home four miles west of Statesville on the 15th of February, aged 92 years and some months. He left a will naming Mr. J. S. Norris as executor. Mr. Bost owned considerable land which is not very valuable but otherwise he was considered to be in very moderate circumstances. He was a hard worker and lived very economically and while it was generally supposed that he had probably saved a few hundred dollars nobody believed that he had any considerable amount of money. Last Saturday Mr. Norris, the executor, went to Mr. Bost's house to take an inventory of his assets and Mrs. Bost showed him where her husband kept his money. In a nail keg on the kitchen loft, with a lot of rubbish thrown on it, was found a considerable sum. The washboard had been removed in his house and another lot of money kept on deposit between the ceiling and the weatherboarding, and a number of bills were found in books about the house. When counted the sum total was found to be $2,684.94. There was $1,367.50 in gold coin, $972.44 in silver and $345 in currency. A number of the coins were quite rare and are worth a premium. The coin was wrapped in paper and rags, and some of it were in snuff boxes.

Railroads and Gardening.

In England the Great Western and the Midland offer sums of money annually to encourage platform gardens. In the case of the former company a regular system has been in operation for 18 years, £250 being voted annually for the purpose. The line is divided into 12 sections. To each a special prize of £5 is awarded, and there are 165 ordinary prizes, ranging from £3 to 10 shillings, a list of the successful stations being published each year. A circular is also sent round furnishing a complete list of plants suitable for various purposes—for permanent borders, for summer bedding, for mixed borders of hardy plants, for spring bedding, as well as a list of evergreens and creepers, together with particulars as to height, color, dates for sowing and many other necessary hints.

The Midland railway devotes £200 in the same way, the prizes ranging from £7 10s. to 5 shillings. A fully qualified inspector, whose duties take him to every part of the line, is deputed to deal with the matter, and the whole scheme is pronounced a success. The Great Northern and the London and Northwestern companies let allotments to their men where possible, the number of allotments in the case of the former company reaching very nearly 2,500.—Quarterly Review.

Sarcastic.

Dibley—Many of the brightest men in this city came from our little town.

Glibley—Is that why they came from there?—Roxbury Gazette.

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RUNS A DOG ENGINE.

A California Canine Who Knows Enough to Boss the Job Herself.

Dog motors are plentiful enough in Belgium and a few other parts of Europe, but they must surely be conceded to be a rarity in California. Many people who have traversed all over the state say they have never seen any. But there is one, at least, and that is not very far from San Francisco. It is on the Swiss ranch on top of the hill to the westward of Mill valley. It is in plain sight from the road, and hundreds of people passing that way wonder what it is. They may see it turning around at a good speed, but few would think that the motive power was generated by a dog. This motor has been in use for two years, and a most cheap and serviceable machine it has proved to be. The cost is trifling, not the twentieth part of what a windmill would cost, and for the purpose nothing could be better. One dog can easily pump water for a herd of 200 cattle. And the best of it is some dogs like the work.

Dog motors are built on the same principle as the exercising runs that are often attached to cages for squirrels and other small animals. They are really barrels, made so that the dog can get in, and as soon as he starts to run on the inside the barrel slides from under his feet. In this way it rotates as fast as the dog runs.

The motive power of the machine is communicated to the pump by means of a crank that connects with a piston to rise and fall the same as if a man were working the handle.

For over a year the dog motor on the hill back of Mill valley has been operated by a dog named Gyp, and she really likes the work and knows more about pumping water than half of the men in the state. When Gyp was first put into the machine, she knew just what she had to do and started in at a great rate. She ran so fast that she would have fallen from exhaustion had she not been lifted out, but as she has grown older at the business she has learned better. But she likes the work as much as when she started. When Gyp first started in to pump water, she did not know when to stop. She pumped and pumped until the tank ran over all the time. In a few weeks, though, she was taught that all she was expected to do was to keep the tank full, and now she doesn't do any more.

When Gyp is taken to the motor in the morning, she first looks into the trough to see how much it lacks of being full. She then works accordingly, and when she thinks she has done enough runs out and takes a look at it. If it is full, she lies down and rests, and if there are still a few inches remaining she starts in again and does not stop until the trough is running over.

All the water that Gyp pumps is for cattle to drink. It flows directly from the well into the drinking trough, so that they can get it without trouble. Gyp knows as soon she sees a band of steers making for the trough what they are after, and she starts in pumping, so as to keep them from emptying it. Her idea seems to be to keep the trough full. In fact, she is unable to rest unless she knows it is in that condition. Gyp has to work hard to do the work. Each stroke of the pump brings up about a quart of water, and she has to make about six jumps to do it, but when she feels like working nothing stops her, and the pumps make at least ten strokes a minute, or perhaps 500 gallons of water in ten hours.—San Francisco Call.

The Migration of Swallows.

A Dutch correspondent writes: "Arnhem, the capital of the province of Gueldelrand, as is known, is situated upon the Rhine, which is crossed by a bridge. Passing over it one day, one of my friends witnessed a remarkable scene. Myriads of swallows, apparently those living in the environs, were crowded together, as they are every year in exactly the same place. When they flew up, which they did several times before starting for good, the mass looked like a huge black moving column. When they came down again, it was done with a deafening shrill and shrieking or whistling or piping—a curious noise, which it is almost impossible to describe. It seems as if they wanted to make sure that all could stand the voyage, for many were fallen upon by great numbers of the others, who pecked them to death.

"After different false starts they went away like a whirlwind, leaving upon the fields those that probably were too weak and so were murdered first by their companions. People may wonder how these birds in different countries start upon almost the same day. The mystery must be solved by ornithologists. For my part, I think that as soon as the days shorten they depart, as they need much longer evening light to catch the thousand of gnats they want every day."—Westminster Gazette.

Left Handed Violins.

Violins are adapted for the use of left handed musicians by reversing the order of the strings and the location of the bass bar and sounding post. Guitars, banjos, flutes and cornets are also changed for the benefit of such people. The proportion of instruments so altered is about 1 per cent.—New York Ledger.

A Trifle Mixed.

Brown—Poker must be a pretty old game.

Jones—I don't know. Why do you think it is?

Brown—Didn't the Israelites long for the jack pots of Egypt?—Up to Date.

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This is the best medicine in the world for all forms of Coughs and Colds and for Consumption. Every bottle is guaranteed. It will cure and not disappoint. It has no equal for Whooping Cough, Asthma, Hay Fever, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Cold in the Head and for Consumption. It is safe for all ages, pleasant to take, and, above all, a sure cure. It is always well to take Dr. King's New Life Pills in connection with Dr. King's New Discovery, as they regulate and tone the stomach and bowels. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or return money. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00. †

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

For the Wilmington District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

Southport, April 17, 18.
Scott's Hill, at Acorn Branch, April 24, 25.
Market Street, at night, April 25.
Clinton, at Browning's, May 1, 2.
Burgaw, at Herring's Chapel, May 8, 9.
Brunswick, at New Hope, May 14.
Grace church, May 16.
Bladen Street, at night, May 19.
Fifth Street, May 23.
Onslow, at Swansboro, May 27, 28.
Jacksonville and Richlands, at Richlands, May 29, 30
Columbus, June 4.
Whiteville and Fair Bluff, at Fair Bluff, June 5, 6.
Waccamaw, June 8
Kenansville, at Warsaw, June 10, 11.
Magnolia, June 12, 13.
Bladen, June 19, 20
Elizabeth, at Carver's Creek, June 26, 27.

The District Conference will meet at Clinton and will embrace the second Sunday in July. R. C. BEAMAN, Presiding Elder.

The Root of All Sin.

The sin which is going to condemn the world is the root of all sin. It is the willful refusal of God's priceless gift. A life of outward sin is the result of an impenitent soul. The disease of sin has laid fast hold of mankind, and while man is not blamable for the disease being in his heart God accounts it the sin of sins if he refuses the sole remedy for his recovery.—"Mr. Moody's Bible Class" in Ladies' Home Journal.

Circumstances After Cases.

Sister—Stick out your tongue and take your powder like a good girl. You never heard me complaining about such a little thing.

Flossie—Neither would I if I could take it on my face like you do.—Brooklyn Life.

Wholesale Prices Current.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	7¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔	4½	@	5
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	23	@	25
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	10	@	16
Northern	18	@	26
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	48	@	48½
Virginia Meal	40	@	40½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	85	@	90
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	12	@	13½
Dairy, Cream	14	@	14½
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	9	@	15
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	6¾
Yarns, ℔ bundle	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	8
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	25 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	13 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 00
N C Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 25
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
Patent		@	5 50
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	9¾
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White	40	@	43½
Car load, in bags—White	39	@	40
Oats, from store	30	@	35½
Oats, Rust Proof	45½	@	45
Cow Peas	85	@	90
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔—			
Clover Hay	75	@	80
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	1 00
Western	90	@	95
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔		@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (Rough sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	12 00	@	2000
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	20 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Ceiling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, ℔ hhds		@	26
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds	26	@	30
" in bbls		@	35
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 8d basis		@	1 75
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	9 00
Rump		@	9 00
Prime		@	8 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	80
Ashton		@	
American		@	60
Do 192 ℔ Sacks	40	@	50
SHINGLES, Yacht, ℔ M	2 00	@	2 50
Common	1 60	@	2 00
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu		@	5½
Standard A		@	5¼
White Ex C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	6
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	8 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	7 00
Common Mill	5 00	@	6 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	4	@	4½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 20	@	1 30
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, April 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 27½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 26¾ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market steady at $1 40 per bbl for Strained and $1 45 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet; $1 80 per barrel for Hard and 1 80 for Soft.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady, 25¾, 25c, rosin firm, $1 40, 1 45; tar firm, 90c; crude turpentine quiet, $1 30, 1 70, 1 90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	11
Rosin	439
Tar	104
Crude Turpentine	8

Receipts same day last year—39 casks spirits turpentine, 80 bbls rosin, 74 bbls tar, 16 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4⅝	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	6	" "
Low Middling	6¾	" "
Middling	7	" "
Good Middling	7 5-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7⅝c.

Receipts—76 bales; same day last year 246.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime: 55@60c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 50c; Fancy, 65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45@50c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 40 to 43 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.35; seven inch $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 7—Evening.—Money on call was easy at 1¼@1¾ per cent., last loan at 1¾, closing offered at 1¾@1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers bills at 487 for demand and 485¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 485½ and 488 @488¾. Commercial bills 484¾. Silver certificates 61¾@63¾. Government bonds strong; fives, registered, 114; fives, coupon, 114; fours registered, 111; fours, coupon, 112¾; twos, registered, 96. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 124; North Carolina fours 103. Railroad bonds firm.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady at 29@29¾c.

CHARLESTON, April 7.—Rosin firm at $1 45. Spirits turpentine firm at 26½c.

SAVANNAH, April 7.—Spirits turpentine—no report. Rosin steady; water white $3 65, window glass $3 50, N $3 20, M $3 00, K $1 80, I $1 75, H $1 70, G $1 65, F $1 60, E $1 55, D $1 50, C $1 50, B $1 50, A $1 50. Sales 379 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The cotton market advanced two to three points at the opening, early cables being quite as good as looked for, and the advices from the flooded districts being still bad. Speculation, however, failed to show up and local selling carried the market back to yesterday's closing before noon. For the rest of the session the market was narrow and featureless. Selling was checked by increased reports of indifferent holders of spot cotton and a good demand from exporters and American spinners. During the early trading Liverpool parties bought considerable. The close was steady at two to four points below last night's figures.

NEW YORK, April 7—Evening.—Spot cotton steady at 7¾c.

Futures closed steady; sales 88,900 bales; January 6 86, February 6 89, April 6 98, May 7 03, June 7 08, July 7 13, August 7 14, September 6 91, October 6 79, November 6 79, December 6 83.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 7¾c; middling gulf 7¾c; sales 1,110 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 484 bales; gross 484 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 295 bales; sales 1,110 bales; sales to spinners 510 bales; stock (actual) 230,098 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 7,374 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 5,290 bales; stock 673,010 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 33,954 bales; exports to Great Britain 14,854 bales; to France 181 bales; to the Continent 28,586 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 6,383,886 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,758,808 bales; exports to France 614,795 bales; exports to the Continent 1,738,858 bales; to the Channel —— bales.

April 7.—Norfolk, firm at 7¼, net receipts 496 bales; Baltimore, dull at 7¾, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7¾, net receipts 4,174 bales, Wilmington, firm at 7, net receipts 76 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7¾, net receipts 195 bales; Savannah, quiet at 7, net receipts 587 bales; New Orleans, steady at 7 1-16, net receipts 3,949 bales; Augusta, steady at 7¼, net receipts 90 bales; Charleston, firm at 7, net receipts 489 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 7—Evening.—Flour was demoralized and nominally lower in sympathy with the decline in wheat; city mill patents $4 70@4 95; do. clears $4 70@4 85; Minnesota patents $3 90@4 10; do. bakers $3 40@3 65 winter patents $4 45@4 65; do. straights $4 00@4 20; do. extras $3 15@3 50; do. low grades $3 60@3 75. Wheat—Spot was weak; No. 2 red in store and elevator free on board 77c; No. 1 Northern, Duluth 78¾c free on board afloat; No. 3 hard winter 73c free on board afloat; options opened weak and were demoralized throughout the day by excessive selling of May wheat, supplemented by very weak cables and favorable crop news; prices broke all records since last September and closed at 2¼@3c net decline later on near deliveries; sales included No. 2 red May at 71 13-16@74¼c, closed at 73c; June closed 71¾c; July 71 5-16@73¾c, closed at 71¾c; September 69¾@71¾c, closed at 69¾c. Corn—Spot weak; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; options opened weak and sold off with wheat, helped also by lower cables and general unloading; closed ¾@⅞c net lower; April closed at 28¾c; May 28¾@29 7-16c, clos

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THE ENGINEER.

Where the engine thrills and the white steam fills
Your eyes as you hurry by
With brow austere the engineer
Sits resting quietly.
His face is dark, but a glowing spark
Lights up his eye so keen.
He has naught to ask. He has done his task
And has done it well, I ween.
Or perhaps before, 'mid rush and roar,
Lies the hardest run in the land.
He must clinch his teeth, set lips beneath,
And take his life in his hand.
But his head is clear—he knows no fear—
And, clasping the throttle bar,
He cleaves the dark as the soaring lark
Mounts up to the clouds afar.

But deep in his thought he forgeteth naught
Of his overburdoning care.
The smile on his lip is the gay wave tip
That the solemn oceans bear.
He would rather far at the throttle bar
Quiver with death's alarm
Than that any soul under his control
Should come to the slightest harm.

And so through the night and the sweet daylight
Our grimy heroes stand,
With a million men in their keeping when
They dash across the land.
They have sped through flame where no succor came
Save that their brave hands brought,
And they fell at their post, counting life well lost
For the rescue they had wrought.

They may think us cold, those hearts of gold,
But silent lips may hide
A soul of flame which fain would claim
Boys for these heroes tried.
And whenever I pass the engine glass
Through its shining pane I peer
And breathe a prayer for the brave man there—
God bless the engineer!
—Kate Upson Clark in Newport News Press.

ALPINE ACCIDENTS.

Agassiz's Description of an Adventurous Climb Up the Jungfrau.

Since the year 1860 nearly 200 fatal accidents have occurred upon the Swiss Alps alone. Of these, how many were occasioned by maladroit, feeble or timid climbers? The safety of every mountaineering party demands in advance that each member of it should be a practiced and steady climber; that no serious ascent should be undertaken by any man who cannot rely upon his own nerve and capabilities, his power of braving fatigue and standing cold, and finally that the party should be accompanied by a sufficient number of professional guides. Mr. Leslie Stephens lays it down as a rule that the loftiest mountain may be scaled with safety by trained mountaineers, provided that fine weather, good guides and favorable conditions of rock and snow have first been secured. "On the other hand," he adds, "there is no mountain which may not be excessively dangerous if the weather be bad, the guides incompetent, the climbers inexperienced, the conditions of rock or snow unfavorable." Who, for instance, can say with confidence until he has been tried that he has nerve enough to stand the crucial test which Professor Agassiz confesses was almost more than he could bear when, in 1841, he was one of a party of 12 who ascended the Jungfrau, half of them being professional guides, with the celebrated Jacob Lenthold, who died soon afterward of consumption, at their head?

"We started," wrote Agassiz, "from the Grimsel hospice at 4 a. m. on Aug. 27, 1841, sleeping the first night at the chalets of Meril and completing the ascent of the Jungfrau next day. Our difficulties were not a little increased by heavy mists and intense cold. At last the ascent became more and more steep, and every step had to be cut in the ice. Lenthold kept us close to the edge of the ridge of frozen snow, because the ice yielded there more easily to the ax. It was, however, so trying to our nerves that I, for one, should not like to repeat the experience. The awful precipice beneath us was constantly in view, and we could drive our alpenstocks through the rim of frozen snow and gaze sheer down through the hole into a vast amphitheater which seemed yawning to swallow us thousands and thousands of yards below. The apex of the Jungfrau is so small that only one person can stand upon it. At 4 p. m. we started upon our downward path, turning our faces to the icy slope and feeling with the foot for each step below, these steps being more than 700 in all. At 11:30 p. m. we reached the chalets of Meril, which we had left that morning at the earliest dawn of day."

The least imaginative mind can readily realize what one false step made upon a surface so steep and slippery that it is impossible to think of it without a shudder would have involved. In the worst accident that ever happened on the Matterhorn—that which befell Lord Francis Douglas and his three hapless companions—it is notorious that one false step, made by an inexperienced climber and followed by the breaking of a rope, was the sole cause of that terrible tragedy.—London Telegraph.

Earthworks.

Military engineers are practically agreed that no material for fortifications is superior to earth. When clay is not obtainable, as on the seashore, sand is collected into bags, and these are laid in regular heaps along the line of the proposed fortification. In such a fortification the balls from the enemy's cannon sink without doing damage, and shells explode harmlessly.

SPONTANEOUS GENERATION.

Pasteur's Interesting Experiments and Discoveries With Microbes.

It was natural that Pasteur should desire to know how the microbes which he showed to be the essential causes of the various fermentations took their origin. It was at that period a prevalent notion, even among many eminent naturalists, that such humble and minute beings originated de novo in decomposing organic substances, the doctrine of spontaneous generation, which has been chased successively from various positions which it once occupied among creatures visible to the naked eye, having taken its last refuge where the objects of study were of such minuteness that their habits and history were correspondingly difficult to trace. Here again Pasteur at once saw as if by instinct on which side the truth lay, and perceiving its immense importance he threw himself with ardor into its demonstration.

I may describe briefly one class of experiments which he performed with this object. He charged a series of narrow necked glass flasks with a decoction of yeast, a liquid peculiarly liable to alteration on exposure to air. Having boiled the liquid in each flask to kill any living germs it might contain he sealed its neck with a blowpipe during ebullition, after which, the flask being allowed to cool, the steam within condensed, leaving a vacuum above the liquid. If, then, the neck of the flask were broken in any locality, the air at that particular place would rush in to fill the vacuum, carrying with it any living microbes that might be floating in it.

The neck of the flask having been again sealed, any germs so introduced would in due time manifest their presence by developing in the clear liquid. When any of such a series of flasks were opened and resealed in an uninhabited room, or under the trees of a forest, multitudes of minute living forms made their appearance in them, but if this was done in a cellar, long unused, where the suspended organisms, like other dust, might be expected to have fallen to the ground, the decoction remained perfectly clear and unaltered. The oxygen and other gaseous constituents of the atmosphere were thus shown to be incapable of inducing any organic development in yeast water.

Such is a sample of the many well devised experiments by which he carried to most minds the conviction that, as he expressed it, "la generation spontanee est une chimere," and that the humblest and most minute living organisms can only originate by parentage from beings like themselves. Pasteur pointed out the enormous importance of these humble organisms in the economy of nature. It is by their agency that the dead bodies of plants and animals are resolved into simpler compounds fitted for assimilation by new living forms. Without their aid the world would be, as Pasteur expressed it, encombre de cadavres. They are essential not only to our well being, but to our very existence. Similar microbes must have discharged the same necessary function by removing refuse and providing food for generations of plants and animals during the past periods of the world's history, and it is interesting to think that organisms as simple as can well be conceived to have existed when life first appeared upon our globe have in all probability propagated the same lowly but most useful offspring during the ages of geological time.—Sir Joseph Lister.

The Kaiser and the Bicycle.

A tale of Kaiser Wilhelm and a bicycle: One day while at Kiel, as Prince Henry of Russia sailed past the Hohenzollern in his yacht, he noticed that the deck of the former vessel was spread with linoleum, and that four of the officers were disporting themselves on cycles, performing eights and other figures with perfect ease and success. Prince Henry, who was much amused at the sight, related what he had seen to his brother, as the kaiser was about to start on his northern cruise. The emperor immediately sent for the four officers and asked them, "Well, why is there no riding if I am on board?" The reply was that the first officer, Corvet Captain B——, had a few days before forbidden any more cycling on board.

"Bring the first officer to me and a cycle also," commanded his majesty, and as Captain B—— appeared a wheel was fetched, and the gallant officer was compelled to mount the iron steed, the kaiser holding him on with a tight grip, while the court photographer took a snap shot, to the delight of all on board. After this the young officers were at liberty to cycle as much as they pleased, to the intense amusement of the kaiser and the ill disguised vexation of Captain B——, who, it is to be hoped, was duly flattered when his majesty presented copies of the photograph to all the members of the suit and the officers of the Hohenzollern, himself included. — New York Tribune.

The Great Picture Books.

The two "Alices" would not have caught the public fancy so quickly and so surely but for Sir John Tenniel's inimitable designs, from which it is almost impossible mentally to dissociate the letterpress. Who without his assistance could adequately have "visualized" the "Mad Hatter," or the "White Queen," or "Tweedledum and Tweedledee," or the "Black Kitten?" Similarly Mr. Lear's nonsense verses gain something from his grotesque illustrations (and what more charming combination ever rooted itself in the affections of the nursery?), while "Struwwelpeter," delightful as the English rendering is, would be shorn of half its glories were "Shock Headed Peter" or "Cruel Frederick" or "Johnny Head In Air" not presented to the eye in their charmingly crude reds and greens.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Proof Positive.

When a man has made his application and passed the physical examination and the civil service examination, and has duly seen a few people with pulls, and has got his appointment, and his uniform, and his billy and twisters and revolver, and has had a beat marked out for him, he feels at last that he is really a policeman, but when he sees a dirty faced small boy stick his head around a corner at a safe distance and shout, "Aw, go chase yourself!" and then run violently away he is absolutely sure of it.—Somerville Journal.

How England Is Fed.

In 1894, with only a trifle over 1,900,000 acres under wheat, England produced 7,800,000 quarters at home, importing 16,810,000 quarters of wheat grain, besides 19,130,000 hundredweight of flour—that is to say, a total of 21,000,000 quarters, allowing for flour. In 1894, then, three out of every four Englishmen lived wholly upon foreign bread. In 1895, owing to the tremendous reduction of the area under wheat, not one in every five drew his bread from the country.

Our daily bread comes to us from abroad. But this is not the only necessary which we import. Of foodstuffs which might conceivably be produced in the country we purchase from the foreigner nearly half of our meat, nearly £16,500 worth of butter and margarine, £6,070,000 worth of fruit and hops, £5,400,000 worth of cheese, £3,780,000 worth of eggs, £1,000,000 worth of potatoes, £778,000 worth of poultry, £1,090,000 worth of vegetables. In addition to these there are the various kinds of colonial produce, of which sugar alone could be grown in England. A small rise in each of these items would inflict innumerable hardships upon our working population. A great rise would mean starvation. Generations of peaceful development have bred in us a belief that England will never be seriously attacked, and that the navy may with safety be starved. We forget that a fresh and even more importunate burden than the safeguarding of our raw material and manufactures has been laid upon it in the need to watch over our food supplies.—Nineteenth Century.

The Poetry of the Waltz.

The waltz was introduced into England much earlier than 1813. In the "Life of Mary Russell Mitford," edited by the Rev. A. G. L'Estrange, there is a letter to Sir William Elford, dated Dec. 3, 1813, where Miss Mitford speaks of having learned it from a French dancing master when she was 14 years old. This would be in 1801. From what she says in the letter I gather that the dance must have become fashionable in 1811, certainly in 1812. In another letter, of date Jan. 2, 1814, to Sir William Elford, Miss Mitford gives the verses on the waltz attributed to Lord Byron. She says that they are by a Sir Henry Englefield:

What, the girl I adore by another embraced!
What, the balm of her breath shall another
man taste!
What, pressed in the whirl by another's bold
knee!
What, panting, reclined on another than me!
Sir, she's yours; you have brushed from the
grape its soft blue;
From the rosebud you've shaken the tremulous dew.
What you have touched you may take. Pretty
waltzer, adieu!

This is somewhat different from that given on page 378 of the work. The last three lines are certainly good. In the letter of Jan. 2, 1814, Miss Mitford mentions that her correspondent, Sir William Elford, was engaged on a "History of the Waltz."—Notes and Queries.

Danger In Mineral Wool.

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The Only Drawback.

Reggy—Sweet Arline, will you be mine?

Sweet Arline—Before I answer your question let me ask you one. Do you swear when you lose your collar button?

Reggy—Never.

Sweet Arline—Then it cannot be. I cannot marry a man who has no spirit.—Town Topics.

When Spoken at the Altar.

Miss Gushington—Oh, Mr. Henpeck, what do you consider to be the saddest words ever spoken?

Mr. Henpeck (shuddering)—I will.—New York Press.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 8, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.50 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.46 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.30 p m, Petersburg 3.54 p m, Richmond 5.50 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.58 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.55 a m, †Boston 3.05 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 46—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.50 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.54 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.06 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 1.08 p m, Boston 5.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.45 p m, Columbia 10.05 p m, Denmark 5.30 a m, Augusta 6.10 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.30 p m, Savannah 12.30 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.05 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.09 a m, Norfolk 2.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.13 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 1.13 p m, Goldsboro 2.10 p m, Warsaw 4.02 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.50 p m, Baltimore 5.05 p m, Washington 6.45 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.13 p m, †Norfolk 3.30 p m, Weldon 9.45 p m, †Tarboro 6.00 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.30 a m, Goldsboro 7.05 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.06 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.35 a m, Sanford 2.19 p m, Jacksonville 7 00 p m Savannah 12.45 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 10.00 a m, Augusta 2.45 p m, Denmark 4.55 p m, Sumter 6.45 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.30 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.26 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 p m, Greenville 5.57 p m, Kinston 7 50 p m. Returning, leave Kinston 7 53 a m, Greenville 9 53 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 30a m, Weldon 11.45 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 5.30 a m and 3 00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 6 40 p m, returning leaves Parmele 10.10 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 20 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.35 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 35 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 4.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 45 a m, Rowland 10 00 a m. returning leaves Rowland 5 00 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 3.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 35 p m, Chadbourn 5.30 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.43 p m, Manning 7.10 p m, arrive Lane's 7 48 p m, leave Lanes 6.08 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 4 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 6 55 a m, arrive Darlington 9 05 a m, Cheraw 10 40 a m. Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.10 p m, arrive Darlington 8.40 p m. Hartsville 9 5 p m, Bennettsville 9 36 p m, Gibson 11 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 a m, arrive Darlington 9.37 a m, Hartsville 10 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 30 a m, arrive Darlington 7 15 a m, leave Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 15 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 8 p m, Cheraw 8 15 p m, Darlington 8 27 p m, arrive Florence 8 55 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 7 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 3.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.50 p m. Smithfield 5.58 p m, Duns 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m. 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.26 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11 .50 a m, 10.30 p m, Duns 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.43 p m, 12.10 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 30 a m, Creston 5 21 a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 55 p m, Creston 5 47 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m, Returning leaves Pregnalls 9 30 p m(arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.40 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliot 6.35 a m and 3.30 p m.

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In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896

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NORTH BOUND			STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND	
*6	*8			*7	35
A M	P M		—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
3 00		Lv	Walnut street	Ar	12 40
7 00	3 10	Lv	Surry street	Lv	12 30
9 50		Ar	Jacksonville	Lv	
11 00	5 50	Lv		Ar	10 45
11 55	6 50	Lv	Mayerville	Lv	10 00
12 30	7 44	Lv	Pollockville	Lv	9 05
1 30	8 33	Ar	Newbern	Lv	8 30
P M				A M	

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Nos. 7 and 8 passenger trains.
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Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.		STATIONS.	4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	5 10	Goldsboro	11 25	.....
.....	4 13	Kinston	10 32	.....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 27	6 43	Morehead City	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 25 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 5.05 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.50 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 7, 1897.

WESTWARD.

	No. 41.	No. 403.
Leave Wilmington	*3 20 p m	.....
Leave Lumberton	5 26 p m	.....
Leave Maxton	6 14 p m	.....
Leave Laurinburg	6 58 p m	.....
Arrive Hamlet	7 51 p m	.....
Leave Hamlet	7 13 p m	*6 17 pm
Leave Rockingham	7 30 p m	5 32am

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 8, 1897

SOUTH CAROLINA COURT.

A Citizen Fined For Keeping Liquor in His House For His Own Use.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 7.—The Supreme Court of the State to-day rendered a decision which affirms that no man can keep any liquor in his house or place of business for a lawful purpose1 such as personal use, unless the vesse, in which it is kept has a certificate upon it from the State Liquor Commissioner. The case comes up on an appeal from Oconee county, where liquor was seized by constables from the residence of a citizen whom the testimony showed only kept it for personal use and not for sale. Chief Justice McIver and Justice Gary agreed that it was not a criminal offence to keep such liquor without the certificate of the liquor commissioner. Justices Jones and Pope agreed that it was criminal, and when the court is divided the decision of the lower court is affirmed, which found the citizen guilty and sentenced him to three months on the chain gang. The defendant is named Chastain, and is a thoroughly respectable man. It is expected that a new hearing will be asked for and the case heard by the court on error, and in the meantime sentence will not be executed.

MACON HOMICIDE.

Charles Reid Shot and Killed L. W. Halstead on Account of a Gross Insult Offered to His Wife.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., April 7.—Charles Reid, machine operator employed in the composing room of the *Telegraph*, shot and instantly killed L. W. Halstead, formerly business manager of the Atlanta *Commercial* and at the time of his death an attachee of Cooper's circus, which has been giving performances in Macon for several days past. The shooting was done inside the tent to-night just before the performance began and in the presence of many people who had gathered to see the show.

The cause of the killing was a gross insult offered the wife of Mr. Reid at the afternoon performance. The lady at once informed her husband of the indignity which had been put upon her, and he promptly started out in search of the insulter. It was not until nearly 8 o'clock that he found him, and Halstead, who was known to the circus people as J W. Howard, was found by Mr. Reid inside the tent, which is pitched within a stone's throw of the city hall. Mrs. Reid pointed out Halstead, or Howard, as the man who insulted her, and her husband sent the contents of a shotgun crashing into his body, killing him instantly.

Reid surrendered to the chief of police, and is locked up pending the coroner's investigation.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide at 1 o'clock this morning in the case of Charles Reid, who shot and instantly killed L. W. Halstead, an attache of Cooper's circus, who had grossly insulted Reid's wife. Reid, in all probability, will be released to-day.

GIVES THEMSELVES UP.

Gen. Julio Sanguilly and Col. Lachuga Charged With Aiding and Abetting a Cuban Expedition.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 7.—Gen. Julio Sanguilly and Col. Lachuga, hearing that warrants had been issued for their apprehension on the charges of aiding and abetting a Cuban expedition, surrendered themselves this afternoon to the United States officials. They were taken before United States Commissioner Eagan and their hearing was continued until Saturday morning. The information was furnished by Senor Potous, Spanish vice consul for Jacksonville, and the affidavit states no time or place at which alleged offense was committed. He is said to have sworn to the information at the direction of Minister De Lome of Washington. The prisoners were remanded to the care of J. M. Barrs, who became surety for their appearance on Saturday.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 7.—The steamer Dauntless was taken into the custody of the United States court today on motion of the attorney for the owner of the boat. The bond was ordered cancelled and a deputy marshal was placee in charge. The steamer will now be permitted to leave port, though permission was refused by the Treasury Department.

TWO MEN KILLED.

J. H. Mays Shoots and Kills Will and "Maud" Hammond, His Brothers-in-Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TAMPA, FLA., April 7.—J. H. Mays, a well known business man of Port Tampa City, shot and killed Will and "Maud" Hammond, his brothers-in-law, this evening. Mays married their sister and the Hammonds have been employed by him, but recently he determined to discharge them. This created ill-feeling and they declared that nothing but blood would satisfy them. To-night the two brothers went into Mays' store and attacked him and the result was their instant death. Mays at once notified Sheriff Spencer of the tragedy. His friends fear that he may have to kill two more Hammond brothers before he can get away from Port Tampa City. All of the parties are South Carolinians and fearless.

The will of Mrs Tarah van Nostrand, of New York, who died at Jacksonville, Fla., March 26, leaves $25,000 to Yale University, to be kept as a distinct fund known as the "David van Nostrand Memorial fund".

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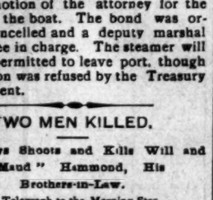

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CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

SENATE AND HOUSE IN SESSION.

Cuba and the Flood Sufferers Divided the Attention in the Senate—President's Message Urging Congressional Relief—Cuban Question Discussed by Mr. Morgan—House Resolution Appropriating $300,000 for the Relief of the Flood Sufferers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Cuba and the flood sufferers divided attention in the Senate to-day. The reading of the President's message, urging Congressional relief for the devastated regions of the Mississippi river, was followed by the introduction of a joint resolution appropriating $150,000, to be immediately available for the flood sufferers. After brief debate, the resolution was passed by the unanimous vote of the sixty Senators present. The plans were changed, however, when the House resolution, appropriating $300,000 for the Mississippi river and Red river of the Northwest, was received. This was accepted in lieu of the former resolution, and was passed unanimously. It was quickly enrolled and dispatched to the President.

Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, resumed his speech in support of the resolution declaring that a state of war existed in Cuba. The resolution of Mr. Earle, of South Carolina, Democrat, for the reorganization of the Senate committees, went over without losing its place.

This cleared the way for the Cuban question, Mr. Morgan continuing his speech begun yesterday in support of his resolution. Mr. Morgan referred to Gen. Weyler's orders herding togerher people in the towns and villages of Cuba, for the purpose of starving them. How long, he asked, was this Captain General to continue in power, issuing new orders day after day as his whim or caprice might dictate, resulting in the utmost harshness against American citizens in Cuba? No such outrages had ever been attempted by one civilized nation toward another as that which now held up its haughty head and enforced these personal decrees against American citizens. Mr. Morgan reiterated his statement that the Spanish prisons were filled with Americans and showed a message from the President some time since, giving a detailed report from the State Department as to the imprisonment of seventy-four American citizens in Cuba, and yet, in spite of this communication from the President, the Senator from Maine (Mr. Hale) had denied the truth of the statement that the Cuban prisons were filled with Americans.

Here Mr. Hale interposed: "I did not deny that there were cases of Americans in prison in Cuba," said he, "what I denied was that the prisons were filled with Americans. Since yesterday I have called at the State Department and have found that there are just twelve Americans in prison in Cuba. Of these the Secretary of State expects that three or four will be liberated very soon; three were captured with arms in hand, the others are the Competitor prisoners."

As Mr. Hale closed the presiding officer announced that the hour of 2 o'clock having arrived the bankruptcy bill was before the Senate. Mr. Hale moved an executive session. Mr. Morgan had not heard the announcement and was disposed to hold the floor. He finally yielded saying he would go on to-morrow. At 2 o'clock the Senate went into executive session and at 2 20 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Two sessions of the House of Representatives are to constitute the record of that body this week while it is waiting for the Senate to consider the tariff bill. The first session was held to-day; the second will be held Saturday. The only business transacted to-day was the adoption of the joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to expend $300,000 for relief of the flood sufferers of the Mississippi valley.

The flood resolution, in addition to appropriating $300,000, authorizes the Secretary of War to employ the Government steamers and other boats on the Mississippi in transporting and distributing supplies contributed by the Government or individuals. During the debate on this question the President's message on the same subject was received and read. The most interesting feature of the session was a passage between Representative Simpson, the Kansas Populist, and Speaker Reed.

Mr. Simpson gave voice to the opposition to the Speaker's temporary policy of inaction which has been smouldering in some quarters by speaking to a question of privileges. He finished a fiery denunciation of the Speaker by demanding that he appoint the committee of the House at once and gave notice that he would prevent any more attempts to do business by unanimous consent. Several Kepublican members attempted to stem the tide of Mr. Simpson's attack, but Mr. Reed seemed to desire to hear it and declined to interfere. He listened calmly to the speech and then with his usual coolness and lucidity replied as follows: The House will perceive that the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. Simpson) has made no proposition whatever upon the subject. He has simply stated his own views, and the chair has thought perhaps it was better that the matter should be stated and that the House consider it. So far as the power of the Speaker is concerned, every one who has made the subject a matter of consideration understands that his power is solely the power of the House, and the House can at any moment change the action which its representatives see fit to indulge in. The House has the power at all times, and while the rules of the House require certain committees to be appointed, there has always been allowed to the Chair a reasonable amount of discretion as to the time when they shall be appointed. Opportunity is always allowed to the Chair to find out something about members, so that he may do the duties which are imposed upon him in the most intelligent way of which he is capable. It is not a case that the Speaker should not appoint committees at once. A Congress which was called together under circumstances something like the present, the Forty-second, was presided over by a very eminent man, Mr. Blaine, and he declined—not declined but did not see fit to appoint committees. The matter was brought up in the House, and he gave his reasons therefor, and those reasons were approved by the House; at least no action was taken by the house on the subject. There are about one hundred and fifty new members in the House, under ordinary circumstances the occupant of the chair has time from the fourth day of March until the first Monday in December to obtain information regarding his fellow-members; but under the present circumstances there has been no opportunity. We have been called together in extraordinary session and the question was, what was the best course for us to pursue; whether we should wait in appointing the committees until such time as would make the appointment more suitable of whether the public service was in such a condition that they ought to be done. Now the chair has had full consultations with the various members as he has met them upon the subject, and until this morning he supposed that it was the unanimous feeling of the House that it was not neccessary to appoint the committee in haste, because the public service did not require it. The chair is sorry to see that any gentleman in the House has lent himself to the suggestions which are sometimes made outside of the House with regard to the power of the occupant of the chair. It is a power that is given to him by the House for its purposes and its purposes alone, not for any selfish purposes, not for him to carry out any personal desires or designs of his own, but to carry out the wishes of the House as he understands them after a faithful and conscientious examination of the subject. If the House thinks that any occupant of the chair is not carrying out its wishes, is not acting as its representative, the material remedy is in the hands of the House at any time and the chair cheerfully welcomes any action on the part of the House whose representative he is (prolonged applause on the Republican side). The House then took a recess of twenty minutes to wait for the return of the flood resolution from the Senate. In twenty minutes it was delivered by the Senate clerk and the Speaker announced his signature to it.

Then, at 1.20 p. m., the House adjourned until Saturday.

RELIEF MESSAGE.

The President's Message for the Relief of the Flood Sufferers Sent to the Senate and and House—Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce Met for the Purpose of Mapping Out a Policy in Regard to Railroad Legislation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The President to-day sent the following message to the Senate and House of Representatives: Information which has recently come from the Governors of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana and from prominent citizens of these States and Tennessee warrants the conclusion that widespread distress, involving the destruction of a large amount of property and loss of human life, has resulted from the floods which have submerged that section of the country. These are stated on reliable authority to be the most destructive floods that have ever devastated the Mississippi, the water being much higher than the highest stage it has reached before. From Marion, Arkansas, north of Memphis, to Greenville, Mississippi, a distance of more than 250 miles by river, it is reported there are now at least fifty towns and villages under water, and a territory extending from 100 miles north of Memphis to 900 miles south and from five to forty miles wide, is submerged. Hundreds of thousands of acres of cultivated soil with growing crops are included in the submerged territory. In this section alone there are 50,000 to 60,000 people whose property has been destroyed and whose business has been suspended. Growing crops have been ruined, thousands of cattle have been drowned, and the inhabitants of certain areas threatened with starvation. As a great majority of the sufferers are small farmers, they have thus been left entirely destitute, and will be unprepared for work even after the floods have subsided.

The entire Mississippi valley in Arkansas is flooded, and communication with many points cut off. In Mississipoi a like condition exists. The levees in Louisiana, with a single exception, have held, but the water is rising and the situation there is reported as being extremely critical.

Under such circumstances the citizens of these States look for the co-operation and support of the National Government in relieving the pressing cases of destitution for food, clothing and shelter which are beyond the reach of local efforts. The authorities who have communicated with the Executive recognize that their first and most energetic duty is to provide as far as possible the means of caring for their own citizens; but nearly all of them agree in the opinion that after their resources have been exhausted assume aggregating at least $150,000 and possibly $300,000 will be required for immediate use.

Precedents are not wanting that in such emergencies as this Congress has taken prompt, generous and intelligent action, involving the expenditure of considerable sums of money with satisfactory results. In 1874, $590,000 was appropriated, and in 1883, $350,000 was also appropriated for relief in the same direction, besides large sums in other years.

The Citizens' Relief Committee of Memphis, which has taken prompt action, has already cared for from six thousand to seven thousand refuges from the flooded districts, and they are still arriving in that city in large numbers daily. Supplies and provisions have been sent to the various points in Arkansas and Mississippi by this committee, but the utmost that can be done by these efforts is to partly relieve the most acute cases of suffering. No action has yet been taken for the great majority of the inhabitants living in the interior, whose condition has already been described. Under these conditions and having exerted themselves to the fullest extent, the local authorities have reluctantly confessed their inability to further cope with this distressing situation unaided by relief from the Government. It has, therefore, seemed to me that the representatives of the people should be promptly informed of the nature and extent of the suffering and the needs of these stricken people, and I have communicated these facts in the hope and belief that the legislative branch of the Government will promptly re-enforce the work of the local authorities in the States named.

[Signed] WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Executive Mansion, April 7, 1897.

The President signed the resolution for the relief of the flood sufferers at 1.55 p. m. to-day. He authorized the Secretary of the Navy to secure a ship for the transportation of grain to the famine sufferers in India. Soon after this they were driven to the wharf and took the steamer Dolphin for a few days' outing.

The Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce met to-day for the purpose if possible of mapping out a policy in regard to railroad legislation during the present Congress. No result was accomplished agreeing to the appointment by the chairman of a sub-committee to determine on the advisability of granting a hearing on the pool bills before the committee. There was more or less reference to the pool bill and also to the anti-scalping bill, but some members of the committee, including Senators Chandler and Chilton, manifested unrelenting opposition to both measures. Mr. Chandler gave notice that he would not agree to action upon either of the bills until the vacancy in the committee caused by the retirement of Senator Brice should be filled. He said, however, that he would not object to any preparation for legislation such as could be made by the granting of hearings to persons interested in either of the bills. There was also more or less discussion of the policy of the Senate in regard to general legislation at the present session. Several Senators expressed the opinion that there would be no serious effort at any general legislation except on the tariff.

Secretary Sherman stated to-night that he had assurances that Gen. Rivera, the insurgent leader, would not be executed but would be treated as a prisoner of war. Gen. Rivera was captured after being wounded in a recent battle and it was feared for a time that he would be executed by the Spanish authorities for his participation in the rebellion.

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MEMPHIS FLOOD.

TEST OF LEVEES SOUTH OF VICKSBURG AND ARKANSAS CITY.

News of Relief of Congress in Appropriating a Large Sum for the Sufferers Was Gratefully Received—The River at Memphis is Slowly Falling.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, April 7.—The supreme test of the levees south of Vicksburg and Arkansas City is fast approaching. The river at Vicksburg has been falling for some days on account of the rush of waters from the main channel through the crevasse above into the Yazoo delta. This water is again returning to the channel through the mouth of the Yazoo river and its influence is being felt at Vicksburg, where the gauge is now marking higher figures. Within a few days the crest of the rise will be opposite Vicksburg and the channel will continue to deepen unless the levees break. The Louisiana people keenly realize the gravity of the situation. The destruction wrought by the water in the St. Francis basin and the Yazoo delta may be repeated in the Tensas basin, which begins in Southeastern Arkansas and extends through the northeastern counties of Louisiana. Material and men are being hurried forward and the effort that had marked the work of those in charge of the lower levees has been doubled. The news of the action of the Congress in appropriating a large sum for the relief of the sufferers was gratefully received here and throughout the overflowed districts. The prompt action of the President and Secretary of War is especially commended. The tax on the energies of the people of Memphis has been great, previous demands having been fully met. The river at Memphis is slowly falling, and the gauge at Cairo shows a gratifying decline. For the first time in four weeks the Kansas City, Memphis & Fort Scott Railroad runs its trains over the lines passing through the St. Francis basin. The citizens' relief committee, through W. A. Gage, chairman, issues the following to night:

"The Citizens' Relief Committee of the city of Memphis, having received official information from Washington that the Government has appropriated $300,000 for the relief of the flood sufferers, and that said appropriation is immediately available, beg to announce that their recent call on the public is hereby withdrawn.

"The Citizens' Relief Committee take this method of thanking a most generous public for the many donations received, and to assure each and all that their contributions have done an immense amount of good and have been highly appreciated.

LEAVENWORTH, KAS., April 7.—The rise of the river here is making itself felt. The sand bars which have been a prominent feature are now completely under water, and wagon road leading through the Missouri bottoms to the bridge is partly submerged.

The river is full of logs, drift wood and lumber which has been brought down from above. A rise of a few inches more will swoop into the stream the large stores of sand piled along the river's bank. Grave fears are entertained that the rise pertends a serious flood.

YANKTON, S. D., April 7.—Never before in the history of this section of country has there occurred a flood that compares with the one now raging in the James river valley. Railroads have suffered great loss by the floods. No trains have entered here for nearly a week, and it will probably be a month before railroad traffic is restored to its normal condition. Farmers are well prepared for the worst.

CLARKSDALE, MISS., April 7.—Since yesterday afternoon the Sunflower river has risen at this point twenty-six feet, and is now thirteen feet from the top of the bank along the town front. Every house in town was closed to-day, and every man and boy went to work throwing up a protection levee, which is now well under way.

FRIAR'S POINT, MISS., April 7.—The breaks at the different places above have lessened the water in the river, but the backwater is slowly coming up. The county back of here is under water, and the town is cut off from all points. Coahoma, six miles north, is under water.

This place is still dry, although it is completely surrounded. The entire county on the opposite side of the river in Arkansas is flooded, and much suffering is being experienced by the people there.

NASHVILLE, April 7.—The Cumberland river is rising slowly and has passed the danger line of forty feet, the gauge marking to-night forty and two-tents feet. At Burnside the river is falling.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 7.—A telegram was received here to-day by J. P. Clarke from a committee of citizens of Helena stating that there are 3 000 sufferers at that place and that water is now in every house from Helena to White river.

GREENWOOD, MISS., April 7.—The Tallahatchie river is reported to be still falling at Minter City and points above that place at the rate of about three inches in twenty-four hours. The Yazoo river fell five inches here during the past twenty-four hours.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Of the American Railway Association.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, April 7.—The semi-annual convention of the American Railway Association was called to order this morning by President E. T. D. Meyers, of Richmond. Eight railroad systems were represented by 135 delegates May 16th was chosen as the date for Spring schedule changes. The report on safety appliances provoked much discussion. The conference committee reported some changes in the rules governing employes. Major E. T. D. Myers, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad, was re-elected president; G. W. B. Thomas, president of the Erie Railroad, vice president; C. W. Bradley, general superintendent of the West Shore Railroad, second vice president. Executive committee, C. W. Ely, chief of motive power of the Pennsylvania Railroad. C. R. Brown, president of Fallsbrook Railroad; W. F. Allen, of New York, remains secretary. The association decided to hold its next meeting in New York.

EX-GOVERNOR M'KINNEY'S

Condition Continues Critical Little Hope of His Recovery.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FARMVILLE, VA., April 7.—Ex-Governor P. W. McKenney continues to grow weaker although several times today he seemed to rally. His condition is critical. For two or three days past he has been almost continually delirious, not recognizing those about his bed side.

While the Governor's passing away any moment would not be a surprise to his physicians yet they assert that all hope of his ultimate recovery is not gone.

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WARM WIRELETS.

The New York *Mail and Express* yesterday evening says: Official confirmation was given to-day to the report that Col. Daniels, Lamont, ex-Secretary of war under President Cleveland, is to be placed at the head of the Northern Pacific with sixty days.

A dispatch to the *Times* from Constantinople says it is understood that the porte has notified the powers of its willingness to withdraw the Turkish garrison from Crete immediately if the Greeks will previously withdraw and the powers guarantee to pacify the island.

Consul General Fitzhugh Lee has written a friend in Richmond, Va., that he will be unable to leave Cuba April 15 as he expected and that he will be delayed in Havana until the latter part of May or early in june. General Lee was forced to decline an invitation to deliver an address on Cuba before the United Confederate Memorial Society on April 28th.

The engine of a freight train on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley jumped the track near Pilot Mountian about four o'clock this morning, turning over and killing the conductor, Fred W. Foushee, of Mount Airy, and the fireman Walter Chafin, of Germantown; Also scalding Engineer Powers of Mount Airy. The cause of the derailment is not known.

When the Kentucky Joint legislative session was called to order by President Worthington yesterday the gold and silver Democrates and bolting Republicans failed to answer to their names, thus breaking a quorum. The roll-call showed sixty-one present, but a ballot was ordered. The Republicans as usual, voted for Hunter, who received sixty. No other votes were cast.

The State election yesterday was the dullest on record. Elisha Dyer, Republican, has the largest proportionate plurality ever received for a candidate for Governor in Rhode Island, estimated at 14,000. The Republicans have generally elected their candidates to the Assembly. The Republicans were generally successful in the municipal elections.

CLIMATE AND COMPLEXION.

Does the Color of the Skin Depend Upon Meteorological Conditions?

The Egyptian has remained white notwithstanding a constant mixture with the black Nubians. The people who live in the dry section of the Nubian desert have a red skin. Other races that are brown or that vary from a white to a chamois color also live in dry country. The Abyssinians, however, in whose country the plateaus are well irrigated, are blacker. The blackest negroes in Africa are those who live in Guinea, where the greatest amount of rain falls. In Asia, says the writer, it is the same as in India. There is a close relation between the fall of rain and the color of the people. The more moist the climate is, the darker the skin of the natives. As one goes up the Ganges the climate becomes drier and the skin of the natives whiter. The Bengalese are black, but the Sikhs and the Rajpoots are of a dead white color.

In America it is the same. The Brazilians are generally darker than the inhabitants of the Andes. The Portuguese, who come from a rainy country, settled in Brazil, while the Spaniards inhabit the Andes and the dry La Plata section. Spain is very dry as compared with Portugal, and the Portuguese in Europe have the darkest skins of all Europeans. Heat, light and humidity, says the writer, are, then, all causes of pigmentation. In dealing with these three causes the question of pigmentation of the skin is alone, and their relative influence, he says, is a very complicated one. For instance, persons inhabiting a mountainous district, where the climate is cooler, have a lighter skin than those who live on the plains, although it has been seen that the Abyssinians are an exception to the rule. The native of Abyssinia is darker on the plateaus and lighter on the plains.

In Peru the inhabitants on the coast have a lighter skin than those on the mountains. D'Orbigny observed that in America in the impenetrable forests the savages were lighter; the darkness evidently prevented pigmentation. What, asks the writer, causes the difference between the negro laborer exposed to the sun and the Brazilian savage who lives in the forest? The latter is more or less chocolate colored, but not black. Are these facts, he asks, sufficient to prove absolutely Buffon's assertion that the color of the skin depends on the climate? Evidently not. If they were, we should see the descendants of a white person become black, and vice versa. The acclimated white man does not work in the sun, and he preserves his white skin as a Brahman does. Furthermore, it would require many generations to accomplish the change.—New York Medical Journal.

GREAT BOON TO A SUFFERER.

One Instance In Which a Cigarette Proved a Blessing.

"It was just six years ago," remarked E. H. Hume, an athletic looking Englishman, "that I was with the English army in upper Burma, and a week before Christmas I found myself taken down with black diphtheria. There had been an epidemic of the disease in the town and vicinity, and I, always susceptible to contagious diseases, was one of the first in the regiment to take it. Every day I grew worse, until the surgeon finally gave up all hope and told me that I could not live 12 hours longer. My comrades came to bid me goodby and a few of my intimate friends, fellows from my own home, staid with me to tell the folks how I passed my last hours on earth.

"My throat had become so swollen that I was in great pain and the phlegm had collected to such an extent that I could not speak. Breathing had become all but impossible.

"I knew that I had but a short time to live, and as a last request asked for a cigarette. It seemed to be the only thing on earth that I wanted. The surgeon refused to give me one, but a young Irishman who knew how fond I was of smoking took one from his pocket, saying that it would not possibly hurt me, as I was already dying. He held the cigarette to my lips and I inhaled a lot of smoke, which I thought would choke me. Instead of that the smoke poured out and brought with it the whole mass of phlegm which for a week the surgeon had tried his best to remove. The cigarette was the only thing possible that would have served the purpose. In four days I was on my feet, a well man, and I have never had a day's sickness since."—New York Times.

Sportsmen's Notebooks.

Nearly every sportsman keeps a notebook, in which are recorded dates, places and kinds, sizes, conditions and so on of the game or fish he does or does not take. Such a man, when he tells a story, big, little or odd, can clinch it by referring to his book. Every naturalist finds it imperative to note every detail of his observations, and at the end of ten years or a year he finds a satisfaction in looking over his notes which is worth the trouble ten times over. There are men who have notes dating back over 50 years which would be a mine of wealth for writers on natural history. One man carried scales in the woods with him for years and weighed piece by piece the moose and other big game that he killed, noting it down carefully, so that now, after a long hunting life, he can give the average weight of any wild animals with which he is familiar.—New York Sun.

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PRACTICING LAW.

The Judge Says It Is Absolutely Devoid of Amusement.

"There's no more fun in the practice of law," observed the judge as he softly brushed away the film of soft ashes from the live end of his cigar. "Thirty years ago, when we used to impeach all the witnesses on the other side and have two or three fights every noon recess, it was worth while to be in the profession.

"I read in my old home paper yesterday that Bill Traynor was dead. There was a character. Did I ever tell you the story about him?

"Bill once sat on a jury in one of my first cases. It was an assault and battery case. The trouble came up over the attempt to build a fence across a highway. There were two defendants and four prosecuting witnesses. The trial was held at the home of the justice of the peace, a clapboard little house right out in a cornfield. We couldn't find 12 men in the township, so we agreed to a jury of six. The justice's wife stood in the doorway during the trial and dictated all the rulings.

"They didn't make any case against us—my partner and I appeared for the defense—but we knew the jurymen wanted their fees, and they wouldn't get any if the defendants won. So we were not very hopeful.

"The six jurymen went out into the cornfield to deliberate. They were gone about two hours and then brought in a verdict of guilty and fined each of the defendants $5 and costs. The jury was about to be discharged when my partner jumped up and said to one of the jurymen: 'Say, who are you? I don't remember seeing you before.' Then the foreman spoke up and said: 'That's all right. Bill Traynor couldn't wait. He went off home, and we got Joe here to take his place.'

"That's a fact. Bill had put in a substitute on the jury after they got out in the cornfield. The justice said it was all right anyway, so long as there was a majority of the jury present, but I got up and threatened to sue him on his bond, so he got scared and set aside the verdict and discharged our clients.

"After I came on the bench Bill Traynor was up before me for stealing a steer, and I made the instructions to the jury rather favorable to him, and he was acquitted. You see, I had a friendly feeling for him because he had helped me to win one of my first cases."—Chicago Record.

CONSOLING HER INTENDED.

George's Unnecessary Fears Were Dissipated by One Word.

She had agreed to become his wife. For a long time he had sat in silence, too full of emotion to say anything, so great was his happiness at having at last achieved the fondest dream of his life. At length his face, hitherto wreathed with smiles, became clouded. A scowl of annoyance settled upon it. She, who had been attentively watching his countenance, was quick to observe the change.

"What is the matter, George?" she asked in alarm. "You are not sorry you asked me to marry you and that I consented? Oh, George, I hope that is not it."

"No, dear. You know that I love you as never woman was loved before."

"Then what is it that causes you distress? Tell me that I may console you. It is the duty of a little wife to comfort her husband in affliction, and I am going to be your little wife, ain't I, George?"

"Yes, darling, you are."

And there was a silence during which no sound fell upon the air except a noise like the popping of champagne corks.

"Well, Georgie, now tell me all about it."

"Well, dear, I was wondering what your father will say when I ask him for your hand. You are such a precious jewel that I dare not ask him for you. I feel as if I were robbing him of the greatest and most precious thing in the world."

"Well," she replied, "if that's all that's the matter with you, I might as well tell you that father and I rehearsed the whole act last night after you left, and I am sure he will reflect credit upon my lessons when you speak to him."

And a great load was lifted from his heart, while he immediately deposited another in his lap.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A Dangerous View of Life.

We are constantly confronted with the fact that neither material advantages nor intelligence nor education nor even a good moral record is proof against disloyalty to life. Many causes are adduced, grief, shame, remorse, despair being among the most numerous. But perhaps the foundation cause which underlies all others may be said to be the common habit of thinking that life is to be valued only for the happiness it yields. Many people grow up with the idea that if personal life be not personally happy it is useless. Thus, when they come to some epoch when sorrow triumphs over joy, failure over success, pain over pleasure, life loses all meaning to them and is easily parted from. This view of life is essentially untrue and most injurious.—New York Ledger.

What He Was Doing.

Into an alley on Fifth street, between Jefferson and Market, a young fellow who had the appearance of a country hayseed wandered yesterday and stood near the entrance, gazing up at the show bills, reading them aloud and spelling them aloud as he read. He attracted the attention of the passersby, who gathered around him and commenced guying him. He stood it pretty well for awhile, and suddenly faced about in reply to a query as to what he was doing and said to his questioner, "I'm jist bin waitin to see how long a gentleman could stand here and mind his own business before some durned fool would ask him what he was a-doin." He then quietly walked up the street.—Louisville Commercial.

Robert's Telegram.

An amusing illustration of the force of Shakespeare's line, "Brevity is the soul of wit," is contained in the following anecdote from Marshall Brown's "Wit and Humor of Familiar Sayings:"

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Port Almanac—April 9

Sun Rises	5.35 A M
Sun Sets	6.39 P M
Day's Length	13 h 53 m
High Water at Southport	12 07 A M
High Water at Wilmington	1.19 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., April 9

Meteorological data for yesterday.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 64°; 8 p. m., 69°, maximum, 76°; minimum, 58°; mean, 67°.

Rainfall for the day, .01; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .51.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 7.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 28 3 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

For Virginia, threatening weather and rain; east to south winds.

For North Carolina, showers, with partly cloudy weather, southerly winds, shifting to westerly; colder in western portion Friday evening.

OUTLINES

Senator Morgan continued his speech in support of his resolution that a state of war exists in Cuba, the Bankruptcy bill was debated in the Senate. —— The natives on the northern border of the Transvaal in South Africa are in revolt and British troops have been sent from Capetown to put down the insurrection. —— Tobacco plantations in Mexico have been destroyed by insects. —— The U. S. cruiser Raleigh has been ordered to Gibraltar for duty with the European squadron. —— Judge Day's mission to Cuba is to specifically investigate the death of Ruiz. —— The Tar-Heels defeated the Lafayette base ball team in the second game at Chapel Hill; score 6 to 3. —— Fire at Knoxville, Tenn.; hotel and other buildings burned; five or six persons killed and a number injured; property loss estimated at over a million dollars. —— The flood situation in Mississippi is unchanged; the river at Helena is falling; the town is filled with refugees. —— Yesterday's New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2, last loan offered at 1½ and closed at 1½@2 per cent; cotton firm; middling 7⅜c; flour was moderately active and steadier with wheat; wheat—spot was firm; No. 2 red free on board 78c; corn—spot steadier; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

The man who dubbed cigarettes "coffin nails" hit the nail on the head.

Gen. Rivera says he expects to be shot but doesn't mind that if it will help the cause, and he thinks it will.

Hon. Wash. Hesing, of Chicago, will cease to protest against the low tax valuation of his property. Mr. Harrison laid him out for Mayor.

The Journal, the new Democratic daily paper started at Winston, starts out well and promises to be a strong and wide awake representative of that section.

The Kansas Bishop who scored J. J. Ingalls for writing up the Fitz-Corbett mill, wished he hadn't put in when J. J. took up his nimble pen and jabbed back.

The report is again received that Associate Justice Field of the U. S. Supreme Court will shortly retire, supplemented by the report that he will be succeeded by Attorney-General McKenna.

The last Treasury estimates put the population of this country at 72,549,000, to which the Treasury gave a per capita circulation of $23.01, from which it seems it figured down to a cent.

Cumberland river is on the rampage. The particular objection to this performance is that it is flooding some of the Kentucky towns and they have no use out there for large quantities of water.

In reply to the rumor that Joe Jefferson contemplated soon retiring from the stage, the amiable Joe says he likes the stage pretty well and will stick to it as long as the stage and the public which patronizes the stage like him.

President McKinley has so far turned his back on Presidential etiquette as to sit with his back to the horses when riding with ladies. He prefers to give the ladies the more comfortable seat, which seems to shock Washington snobbery.

An association has been formed in Kansas to promote a constitutional amendment imposing a tax on "inordinate wealth." Who is going to decide what that is? In the estimation of some Kansas people $4.50 would be "inordinate wealth."

Gen. Julio Sanguily may intend to sneak back to Cuba, but if he has any regard to the word he pledged to this Government, to Gen. Lee and to the Spanish authorities in Cuba he will not. If he was so full of fight he should not have made such pledges.

They keep on discovering things out in Iowa. The latest is a slab of stone, apparently a tombstone, with the face of a man on it, taken from a coal vein 130 feet below the surface, from which it appears that Iowa has some remarkable finds or remarkable liars.

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Jim Robinson, the champion bareback rider, who for years was the big attraction in "Old John Robinson's" circus, is living in Mexico, Mo, financially well fixed. He achieved fame by his back somerset on a bareback horse, the first time in 1849. Although he has been out of the ring for some years he says with a few weeks' practice he would be as nimble as ever.

Capt. Evan P. Howell, who since 1876 has been associated editorially with the Atlanta *Constitution*, has sold his one-fourth interest in the paper and retired from the editorship, and his connection with that paper, with which he has been identified since its establishment, ceases.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. WARREN & SON—Ice cream.
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NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

MILCH COW—For sale.
LOST—Italian greyhound.
W. J. KIRKHAM—Potted roses.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. T. A. McNeill, of Lumberton, is in the city.

— Mr. F. M. Foy, of Scott's Hill, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. S. F. Burbank, of Washington, N. C., was here yesterday.

— Mr. William Moncure, of Raleigh, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mrs. H. K. Griffin, who has been visiting Mrs. W. P. Monroe, returned to her home in Chicago last night.

— Mr. T. F. Simmons, representing a well known grocery house in Richmond, was a visitor at this office yesterday.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday were Messrs. John H. Mintz, Shallotte; J. S. King, Hampstead; B. Campen, Bayboro; Jacob Powell and Thos. Henry, Long Creek.

— Messrs. R. P. Gray and Thos. Woodroffe, of the Mount Airy Granite Company, are in the city. The rock which is being used in the construction of the fortifications near Fort Caswell was bought of the Mount Airy Company.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—5 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—3 casks spirits turpentine, 63 bbls rosin, 16 bbls tar, 5 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—11 casks spirits turpentine, 72 bbls rosin, 28 bbls tar, 5 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—1 bale cotton, 33 casks spirits turpentine, 29 bbls rosin, 13 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—6 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 204 bbls rosin, 57 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 7 bales; spirits turpentine, 47 casks; rosin, 368 bbls; tar, 118 bbls; crude turpentine, 10 bbls.

"Where Will It Stop If Allowed to Continue?"

A reader of the STAR says: "We were informed that early yesterday morning two colored boys were caught under a residence near the corner of Front and Orange streets and turned over to a colored policeman to be taken to the guardhouse, but who instead of taking them to the "lockup" turned them loose. We do not know whether this policeman exceeded his instructions or not, but we do think that it is exceedingly dangerous to allow boys, or men as to that matter, to sleep at nights under houses, where by smoking cigarettes, etc., fires may occur."

The Gun Club.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the Gun Club will enjoy a shoot at their grounds at Hilton. Three prizes will be awarded. First prize, a sterling silver powder can, containing six pounds of smokeless powder, presented to the Club by the Loftin & Rand Powder Company, of New York; second and third prizes, fifty loaded shells, presented by Mr. J. W. Murchison. The election of officers of the Club will be held at President Green's office to-night at 8 o'clock.

Orion Lodge I. O. O. F.

At the regular meeting of Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., Wednesday night Past Grand Geo. H. Howell was elected representative to the Grand Lodge, which meets in Charlotte the 11th of next month, and Past Grand F. B. Rice was elected alternate. Past Grand J. T. King, of Wilmington Lodge, was endorsed for the position of District Deputy Grand Master.

President McKinley's family have been using a fine upright A. B. Chase piano at their old home in Canton for some years, and the makers are now making one after the style of the prize piano at the World's Fair at Chicago, ordered especially for their use at the White House. (Fraud's Music Trades.)

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— A special meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance will be held this afternoon at 3 30 o'clock.

— Miss May Beverly French has been chosen matron of the Shelter of the Silver Cross, on Wrightsville Beach.

— The Italian barque *Attivo*, Capt. Trapani, arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of brimstone loaded in the vicinity of Mt. Ætna, Sicily.

—The advance sale for Mr. Joseph Jefferson's entertainment has been phenomenal and it is a safe prediction that the largest house of years will greet him Saturday night.

— The receipts of cotton here yesterday were 7 bales, against 116 on the corresponding day last year. The local market closed firm at 7 cents for middling, against 7⅝ on the same day of 1896.

— The fire department was called out shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon in response to an alarm from box 16. The roof of a frame dwelling in Kellogg's alley over the railroad was discovered on fire, but the flames were suppressed before much damage was done.

E. WARREN & SON.

A Handsomely Equipped Establishment Thrown Open to the Public.

That enterprising firm, E. Warren & Son, have spared no expense in the remodelling of their store, corner Market and Front streets, which has been going on for some time. And now they justly lay claim to the best equipped and most handsomely furnished fruit and confectionery concern, not only in this State but in several adjoining States.

The store is three stories high with galvanized cornice work in several different designs and rising into a "final" at the northwest corner. At the corner on the ground floor an iron column supports a double arch, also galvanized metal, with one entrance on Market and one on Front street. The building is receiving a coat of deep orange paint with gold and black trimmings. Mr. H. E. Bonitz was the architect, and the remodelling was done under his direction. Messrs. Cooksey and Weatherford are the painters.

The interior presents an appearance no less striking. The corner entrance has a vestibule with tiled floor, on which appears in blue letters the word "Warren's." The floor is covered with inlaid linoleum, a material with marble effect.

The counters are all of Western quartered-oak, hand carved and overlaid with white and Italian marble. There are five French plate glass show cases, of which the one in the centre is an 18 foot horse-shoe case, designed by Mr. H. E. Bonitz, and very ornamental. The shelves are all of oak, hand-carved and divided into sections by large beveled-edge mirrors. There are three plate glass windows, one of them bearing the words "E. Warren & Son, Candy Manufactory and Ice Cream Parlors" engraved on the glass. In fact all the furniture, including stands, scales, wall cases, etc., is of the best material. Reinle Bros. & Salmon, of Baltimore, who manufactured the furniture, say that it is the finest they have ever placed in any Southern store. The store is lighted by four clusters of incandescent lamps with ground glass globes.

All this display is pleasing enough in itself considered, but when it is remembered that the mirrors all reflect the most luscious fruit and the show cases are loaded with the finest and most delicious candies, it is easy to understand why Warren's is such a delightful place to spend an hour. Yesterday was the first day of the opening, and the store was kept open until 10 p. m. for the reception of the numerous vistors.

Spring Opening at Taylor's Bazaar.

Yesterday was the first day of the Grand Spring Opening at Taylor's Bazaar, and the efficient corps of salesladies were kept busy receiving and waiting on the large number of customers. These came mainly to look over and select from the new line of Spring hats, but before leaving they were politely shown the excellent line of other goods carried by this well-known firm.

"We haven't had such a run on hats since we have been in business," said one of the proprietors yesterday. And there was everything to confirm the statement, judging from the large crowd of ladies who were in the millinery department studying the late styles in hats. Mrs. Taylor, who has charge of this department, has recently returned from a Northern tour, and her thirty-three years' experience in the millinery business is sufficient guarantee that the public will be pleased with her selections. She has eight competent assistants.

Everything in the way of nice dry goods was on exhibit at the Bazaar yesterday; shirt-waists in all styles and materials, skirts, dimities, lawns, percales and ribbons. The notion counter is in charge of Miss Elise Thorburn, formerly engaged with C. W. Polvogt & Co.

The opening lasts through to-day.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 30 cents. tf

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Reports of Committees Concerning the Baptist Convention to be Held in May—Estimates as to the Attendance Expected.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon, President Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., presiding and Col. John L. Cantwell secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after which the reports of the different committees were called for.

Mr. C. E. Borden, of the special committee appointed to see the Board of Aldermen and the County Commissioners to ask for an appropriation by each of $100 to advertise Wilmington and vicinity in the Baltimore *Manufacturers' Record*, reported that the committee had appeared before each body, and that the Board of Aldermen had decided to appoint a committee, but as yet he had heard of no such committee being appointed. The County Commissioners, he said, had refused to make an appropriation, as they had already appropriated $890 for advertising Wilmington and vicinity. On motion the committee was continued, with the request that they use their influence to obtain $175 to pay for the printing of 5,000 additional books, setting forth the different resources and advantages of Wilmington and vicinity.

Mr. C. E. Borden said he would like to know what progress was being made towards securing homes for the delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in this city next month; how many homes had been obtained and how many were yet needed.

Col. Walker Taylor, chairman of the committee appointed to secure homes for the delegates, stated that none of the sub-committees had reported, except the First Presbyterian church committee, and they had obtained homes for 118 delegates.

Mr. J. B. Mercer reported that the Grace M. E. Church committee held a meeting last Monday night, and up to that time homes had been obtained for fifty-nine delegates, but they thought they could secure homes for seventy-five.

Mr. C. E. Borden said he noticed that Rev. W. B. Oliver was present, and moved that he be requested to give the Chamber some idea of the attendance, etc.

Mr. Oliver said he had received a letter from one of the secretaries of the convention, who had estimated the attendance of delegates from the different States as follows: Alabama, 60; Arkansas, 15; District of Columbia, 10; Florida, 20; Georgia, 130; Indian Territory, 1; Kentucky, 100; Louisiana, 10; Maryland, 25; Mississippi, 45; Missouri, 35; South Carolina, 100; North Carolina, 80; Tennessee, 80; Texas, 60; Virginia, 150; that the Educational Society would be represented by thirty delegates, and the Woman's Missionary Union by about ninety. Mr. Oliver further stated that the Baptists have provided for homes for 404 delegates, but in regard to the attendance during the convention, that he had inquired of Mr. Anderson, of the Seaboard Air Line, how many visitors they had already booked to come over their road, and that he had replied as follows; Baltimore, Md., 40; Washington, D. C., 50; Philadelphia, Pa., 20; New Orleans, La., a car load; Atlanta, Ga., a car load, and about two car loads from Nashville, Tenn.

On motion of Mr. Borden, the secretary was requested to address a letter to the ministers of the different churches in the city, urging upon them the necessity for obtaining homes for the delegates, and the newspapers were also requested to lend their aid.

Mr. P. B. Manning stated that the Chamber of Commerce had extended to the Baptist committee the use of their rooms, which would be used hereafter as the committee's headquarters.

Rev. Mr. Oliver stated that he was receiving daily inquiries in regard to the points of interests in and around Wilmington; that he thought if he had a small card or book setting forth the desired information it would be of great advantage.

On motion of Mr. Borden, the Advertising Committee was requested to immediately have published a small card or book giving the different points of interest in and around the city.

President Chadbourn stated that Capt John W. Harper of the steamer *Wilmington*, and Mr. Geo. R. French, of the Seacoast Railroad, had offered to transport the delegates free on certain days during the convention.

Mr. J. H. Boatwright reported that the St. James Episcopal church committee had so far secured homes for about thirty four delegates.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to address a letter to the chairman of each church committee, requesting him to attend a meeting of the entire committee Monday afternoon.

The report of President Chadbourn was presented to the Chamber, and on motion of Mr. C. E Borden was ordered printed in book form. The report is full of interesting facts and reflects credit not only upon Mr. Chadbourn, but upon the Chamber as well. In the report appears the following:

RECAPITULATION.

I think it worth while giving here a resume of the things actually accomplished for ourselves and Wilmington by this Chamber during the past year. The following are some that we might mention;

The Chamber has had a net gain of eighty-two members, active and honorary, and has held thirty meetings.

We succeeded in inducing the Standard Oil Company to make Wilmington an oil tank steamer station for supplying oil in bulk to North Carolina, South Carolina and portions of Georgia.

We secured the establishment of harbor lines on our river front.

We secured an appropriation of $70,000 for a lighthouse on the pitch of Cape Fear.

We secured a reduction of 25 per cent. on coastwise vessels, a measure of incalculable benefit to our port.

We published a book in memoriam of Wilmington's most distinguished citizen, the Hon. George Davis.

We had printed lithograph maps of our river and bar, showing the depth and width of the channel from here to the sea and the depth of water on the bar, showing our summer resorts, our railroad advantages, and the resources of this vicinity for truck farming.

Largely through our efforts, the Southern Baptist Convention will meet here in May, bringing several thousands of strangers to our city.

We secured the encampment of the State Guard at Wrightsville last Summer.

The Chamber was successful in its efforts to bring the cruiser Raleigh to Southport to receive a testimonial from North Carolinians in North Carolina waters.

Through the efforts of our body, the Government improvement of our river and bar is continued on a plan providing a channel 150 feet wide and 30 feet deep at mean low water from Wilmington to the ocean.

We have prepared and will soon issue a book advertising the resources and advantages of Wilmington and New Hanover county.

We have taken steps to advertise Wilmington at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, to be held at Nashville.

We secured the annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Wilmington last Summer.

Through our efforts the Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance regulating the erection of buildings within the fire limits and along the wharves.

A communication was received from Mr. Geo. R. French, of the committee appointed to audit the books of the treasurer, in which he said that he had examined the books and found the accounts correct, with vouchers for all disbursements.

The report of the treasurer, Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, from April 27, 1895, to March 9, 1897, showing receipts $1,098 10, including $3.42 which was on hand April 27, 1895; disbursements, $979.16; cash balance on hand $118.94, was read and ordered on file. The report also showed that the membership of the Chamber in 1895 was seventeen, and in 1897 ninety-three active members and eight honorary members. Of these, two resigned, three were dropped and one died.

A communication from Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son was read. Messrs. Sprunt & Son called the Chamber's attention to the fact that since the deepening of the Cape Fear river and bar, there is not sufficient space in the harbor at this city for anchoring vessels of the size admitted by the increased depth of water.

On motion, the matter was referred to Mr. Sprunt and the harbor, ship and commerce committee.

President Chadbourn called attention to three handsome framed crayon portraits of Dr. W. W. Harriss, Col. F. W. Kerchner and Col. W. L. DeRosset, all ex-presidents of the Chamber. He also stated that upon the arrival of two other portraits, one of Mr. David Worth and one of the late A. H. VanBokkelen, the five pictures would be presented to the Chamber. By unanimous vote President Chadbourn was requested to add his photograph to the group.

The Chamber at 5 10 o'clock adjourned.

Millinery Opening at the "Racket" Store.

The millinery opening at Mr. George O. Gaylord's "Big Racket Store," No. 112 North Front street, has been in progress since Wednesday, and the proprietor is striving to make each day more successful than the preceding. In this effort he has the hearty co-operation of his numerous clerks, than whom it would be hard to find any more clever and obliging in the city.

The efforts of proprietor and clerks are receiving a generous reward, too. Until 10 o'clock last night there was a steady stream of customers pouring into the store, and the sales, we are told were beyond expectation.

The millinery department is under the direction of Miss Alma Brown. She has skilful assistants in Miss Dora Brown, Miss Agnes Poisson and Miss Weddie Seeders. Four trimmers are kept hard at work all day and part of the night, and still it is difficult to fill all the orders.

To-day is the last day of the opening, and there will be scores of people to come down and inspect the fine stock of embroideries, etc., on sale at the Racket.

Artesian Well and Sewerage Company.

The Excelsior Artesian Well and Sewerage Company was organized in this city yesterday afternoon. The stockholders met at the office of Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., Esq. Mr. W. E. Worth was called to the chair. The secretary reported that the charter of the company passed by the last General Assembly was in his possession. The charter was read and accepted. After electing a full board of directors, the meeting adjourned. Subsequently a meeting of the directors was held, and the following officers were elected:

President—W. E. Worth.
Vice President—Geo. H. Locey.
Secretary and Treasurer — F. H. Stedman.
Superintendent—C. H. Leach.
General Counsel — John D. Bellamy, Jr.

The company contemplate sinking artesian wells and placing a system of sewerage here and elsewhere.

Joseph Jefferson.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson, who is one of the few of our great actors left, comes to the Opera House on Saturday, April 10th, in "Rip Van Winkle." When we see Mr. Jefferson, we think of his contemporaries who share in the crown of artists, brilliant jewels, viz. Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett, Billy Florence, now all gone, only Joseph Jefferson left to sustain the world of art from being swamped by the vanity of the present. We should give Mr. Jefferson a royal welcome and fill the theatre from pit to dome, so that he may not have the excuse of lack of appreciation of art to retire from among our midst. Seats now on sale at Gerken's.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Tax-Listers Elected—County Physician and Superintendent of Health—A New System for Management of the Hospital.

The Board of County Commissioners met in adjourned session at 7.30 yesterday evening. Present, Chairman Foster and Commissioners Dempsey, Moore, Alexander and Nixon.

A communication was read from the Board of Regents of the City Hospital, indicating a new system for the management of the hospital, to go into effect July 1. The Board of Regents will select from a competing class of the ten best licentiates of the State Board of Medical Examiners each year one physician, the first one to serve two years and alone for the first year. At the end of the first year, according to the provisions of the plan, another physician shall be elected to serve two years, and so on, guaranteeing as will be seen experienced service every year after the first. The plan met the approval of the Board.

It was decided that the duties heretofore devolving upon the County Superintendent of Health, the County Physician, and the City Physician, shall be discharged by one physician, who shall receive a salary of $1,350 a year, with an allowance of $350 for clerk hire, three-fifths to be paid by the county and two-fifths by the city. This arrangement was according to an agreement entered into by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the Board of Commissioners.

Dr. W. D. McMillan was unanimously chosen, the Board of Aldermen having previously named the same gentleman.

Dr. W. W. Lane's resignation as Superintendent of the City Hospital was read. On motion he was requested, with expressions of esteem and appreciation of his services, to withhold his resignation until July 1st.

The following resolution was passed by the Board: That the sheriff and treasurer of the county are both hereby directed not to pay any witness or jury tickets or coupons of more than one year standing, without the same has been first presented and audited by this Board.

Chairman Foster announced that next in order would be the appointing of tax-listers for the different townships. Discussion here arose as to whether the tax-listers should be elected as a whole or voted on separately by ballot. It was decided to vote by ballot for each tax-lister separately.

For tax-lister of Wilmington township Mr. T. O. Bunting was elected. Mr. Bunting received three votes (Chairman Foster and Commissioners Dempsey and Nixon) and Capt. A. L. DeRosset received two votes (Commissioners Moore and Alexander.)

Tax-listers were elected for the other townships as follows:

Federal Point—Steve Keys.
Masonboro—R. A. Hewlett.
Harnett—H. Macumber.
Cape Fear—F. J. Dempsey.

A communication was received from the citizens of Masonboro township, signed by Geo. R. Bate, requesting the Board to make the Seacoast Railroad Company build a bridge over their road at the intersection of the Greenville road, the railroad company having removed the private bridge about twelve months ago. The petition was referred to Mr. Oscar Grant, superintendent of the Seacoast Railroad, with a request to give it his immediate attention.

The Board shortly before 10 o'clock adjourned.

STATE PENITENTIARY.

Finance Committee of the Board of Directors in Session—Work On the Annex—Two Negro Guards Discharged.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 8.

The finance committee of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary were in session last evening and this morning. The principal work of the committee has been the examination of accounts and other routine business.

The report of the committee setting forth the financial condition of the Penitentiary will not be made until Wednesday week, when the Board meets in this city. The members of the committee are Messrs. W. H. Chadbourn, of Wilmington; Senator Clark, of Halifax, and R. R. Colton.

Superintendent Smith announced this morning that work would begin next week on the annex for the accommodation of the criminal insane. The annex will be built against the hospital, and brick will be used.

A negro can't sit up at night. Yesterday Superintendent Smith had to discharge two of the negro guards who were put on night duty last week. Both of them were asleep night before last with their guns in their hands.

There are a number of consumptives and aged decrepit convicts serving terms in the penitentiary, who are unable to be of any assistance in maintaining the institution and they prove a constant drain on the income. Superintendent Smith is writing to the relatives of these people to know if they will support them, and if they care to take them, he will ask the Governor to pardon them. An old woman, who is serving a life sentence, is perfectly helpless. She can hardly move a member of her body. It is the superintendent's idea to have the incurables pardoned.

Mr. Silas McBee, of Morganton, N. C., has been appointed editor of the *Watchman*, the foremost publication of the Episcopal church.

On a Zoological Trip.

Mr. Ed. Wood, who has been attending the University, arrived in the city last night. Mr. Wood made the STAR office a pleasant call last night. He said that Dr. H. V. Wilson, professor of biology at the University, will arrive in the city to-night. Dr. Wilson, who is well known throughout the North and South, and Mr. Wood are on a zoological trip and hope, if possible, to visit Ocean View, inspect the dead whale and obtain some specimens. They will also visit several other places around the city.

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